



JANEL STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRANDTJEN



Legislative Silence is Not a Solution

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Madison – State Representative Janel Brandtjen has issued the following statement in response to last week’s joint hearing of the Assembly Campaigns & Elections Committee and the Senate Committee on Shared Revenue, Elections & Consumer Protection:

“Last week was a stark revelation for those who advocate for transparent and fair elections in Wisconsin. The Assembly and Senate committees on elections were astounded to discover that over 70,000 legal aliens hold driver's licenses in Wisconsin. While these licenses permit them to drive, they do not confer the right to vote. Alarming, these driver's licenses lack any markings to help clerks distinguish citizens from non-citizens.

Even more concerning is the revelation that illegal immigrants in Wisconsin are being issued free IDs, which could be exploited for voting. My office has communicated multiple times with the DOT regarding this issue over the past year, and I appreciate their responses. However, the Legislature’s decision to wait until both houses are out of session to address this critical issue only fuels further frustration among voters. This is not a new problem, and delaying action on this issue is unacceptable.

Furthermore, WEC Administrator Meagan Wolfe has once again demonstrated gross incompetence. The envelopes currently used for returning absentee ballots have been subjected to a temporary restraining order because they are illegal. The WEC-approved procedure of signing the back of the envelope renders the ballot invalid. This level of mismanagement is intolerable and undermines the integrity of our election process. The legislature still has time to fulfill its duties and impeach Meagan Wolfe.”

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