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REP. GARY HEBL'S STATEMENT ON VOTER ID

(MADISON) –State Rep. Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie) today voiced his concern about the recent news of voter misinformation and disenfranchisement across Wisconsin.

“Clearly the Voter ID law is not working,” Hebl said. “The Wisconsin Department of Transportation passed an Emergency Rule in an attempt to safeguard the law before it went to trial, yet issues remain. Reports show that workers in at least seven different Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicle stations were giving out bad information about the Voter ID law. As Democrats warned when this law was being debated in the legislature, this is leading to legally eligible voters being disenfranchised.”

Parts of the law have already been struck down as unconstitutional by United States District Judge James Peterson. In his decision, Judge Peterson declared that “a preoccupation with mostly phantom election fraud leads to real incidents of disenfranchisement.”

“The bottom line is, Wisconsin does not have a fraud problem with regards to in-person voting,” Hebl continued. “The legislature passed a bad law, made an attempt to fix it, but it is just not working. When perfectly eligible voters are being given misinformation or disinformation and being denied their legal right to vote, we have what Judge Peterson called ‘a cure worse than the disease.’”

“My Democratic colleagues on the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules and I have sent a letter to Republican leadership formally requesting they call an Extraordinary Session of the Legislature immediately to repeal the Voter ID law. This needs to be fixed without delay. Voting in Wisconsin has already started, and we must ensure that as many legal voters as possible are able to exercise their right to vote.”

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