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VanderMeer Encourages Residents to Vote Absentee for Spring Election

Madison – Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) is encouraging local residents vote absentee, if possible, for the April 7 local and statewide elections, and released the following statement:

“I’m encouraging individuals to vote absentee, if possible, for the upcoming spring elections. As you’d suspect, since the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019, I’ve been in constant contact with local municipal officials and the municipal clerks responsible for administering local elections. Some have voiced concerns about the ability to carry out and administer a safe voting process on April 7th because of recommended federal, state, and local public health safety guidelines. I am currently working with those that have voiced concerns on an individual basis to help to provide them the information and tools they need. In the meantime, one of the best things you can do to help is to vote absentee. It’s easy, fast, and you can do it from home.

“Some individuals have contacted my office and inquired about obtaining witness signatures on absentee ballots and we’ve been able to help problem solve with strategies to obtain those signatures. If my team and I can help in any way, please let me know.

“Additionally, I want to share that I understand the concerns that individuals have about the election itself, including those from local officials responsible for conducting the election. That’s in large part why I’m especially encouraging individuals to vote absentee if they can. One of the most compelling arguments I’ve heard for continuing forward with the election is that a number of local official’s terms end on April 7, and these same local officials are vitally important to offer leadership and continuity of government in challenging times like those we’re all experiencing right now.”

The easiest way to get an absentee ballot is to go online to request one at: www.myvote.wi.gov and click on ‘Vote Absentee.’ Individuals will need to upload a photo ID if they have not voted absentee before. Individuals can also use US mail to request an absentee ballot by going to: <https://elections.wi.gov/forms/el-121-english>, printing off the absentee ballot request form, filling it out, and mailing it in. (Individuals will need to attach a copy of their photo ID and know their local clerk’s contact information to use this method.) For information on local clerks, visit: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyMunicipalClerk>. Individuals can also email or fax their local clerk and request a ballot.

All absentee ballot requests must be made by Thursday, April 2nd at 5:00PM for the April 7th election. In order to request an absentee ballot, voters must already be registered. Also, as a reminder, the deadline for online registration has been extended by a federal court to March 30th. For more information about registration, individuals can visit: www.myvote.wi.gov.

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The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties.