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Rep. Shankland Calls for Expanded Early Voting Hours in Wake of Computer Crash Affecting Clerks, DMVs

Madison – State Representative Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) released the following statement calling on Governor Walker to take action in coordination with local election officials to expand voting hours this weekend. The request comes after reports indicate that a failed state server cut off access to critical voter data for local clerks as well as DMV officials attempting to issue state-issued voter identification cards in the lead up to Tuesday's primary election.

"I am joining my Democratic colleagues in calling for expanded voting hours, given the technological failure that occurred within the Department of Administration earlier this morning. The glitch left clerks in the dark while trying to access the state's voter registration system as they attempted to issue absentee ballots.

"Additionally, the Department of Transportation was unable to issue photo identification cards to people wishing to obtain a valid identification card for Tuesday's election. I am also calling for longer DMV hours leading up to Tuesday's election, given the fact that Wisconsin taxpayers were unable to obtain valid photo identification cards this morning due to the technological failure that affected DMV centers throughout the state.

"Republican legislators have already put up so many hurdles to voting that an unexpected technology glitch exacerbates an already existing problem of accessing the ballot. Extending voting and DMV hours leading up to Tuesday's election is in the best interest of Wisconsin voters, and I call on Governor Walker to act immediately."

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