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Twisted Priorities

Madison – Today the Wisconsin State Assembly convened to debate and pass many bills. Among those were bills which would create unnecessary barriers for voting. Representative Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) released the following statement after the Assembly adjourned:

“The election bills we passed today are a slap in the face to election clerks across Wisconsin. Our clerks work hard to ensure we have safe, secure, and fair elections. Even throughout COVID-19 these professionals worked tirelessly to make sure legal and efficient elections occurred.

“Additionally, we should not be adding hurdles to the voting process. This only makes it harder for people to exercise their constitutional right to vote. The bills we passed today pander to the unfounded stories brought forth by conspiracy theorists. The Wisconsin Election Commission has a process to hear and investigate election fraud claims. Fraud was not widespread in the 2020 election.

“In contrast to these bills, we also heard and passed a bill which eliminates burdens related to wedding licensure. As someone who has officiated numerous weddings, I know the licensure process well. What I don’t know is why barriers should be added for those voting and removed for those obtaining marriage licenses.

“I promise to continue to advocate for everyone’s ability to legally, safely, and securely vote. Even if someone is indefinitely confined or they live in an assisted living facility, I support their right to legally vote. Unfortunately today’s votes showed that the Assembly currently has some twisted priorities. I promise that my priorities won’t get twisted too.”

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