



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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Office of Governor Scott Walker
Room 115 East
State Capitol

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Dear Governor Walker,

We write to you today to urge you to veto Senate Bill 324, Assembly Bill 202, Senate Bill 20, and Senate Bill 655. If signed into law, these bills will suppress voter access in Wisconsin and create additional obstacles for local clerks and non-partisan election officials.

Each one of these proposals had bipartisan opposition in the Legislature and are broadly condemned by election watchdog organizations in Wisconsin. The *Beloit Daily News* called these bills "(e)mbarrassments to the Wisconsin tradition of good government," and the *Appleton Post-Crescent* added that these proposals are "cynical, despicable maneuvers."

Specifically, these bills would have the following impact on Wisconsin voters and elections:

- SB 324 will restrict absentee voting hours and prohibit citizens from voting on weekends. This will prevent many seniors, working families and students from exercising their constitutional right to vote and will create longer lines on Election Day for both rural and urban voters.
- AB 202 will allow election observers to hover within an arm's reach of registration tables, ballot stations, and election officials. This will create additional difficulties for municipal clerks and encourage the physical intimidation of voters.
- SB 20 will take away local control and prevent municipal clerks from selecting the most qualified poll workers to oversee local elections.
- SB 655 is a "pay-to-play" proposal that will open the door for increased lobbyist contributions to elected officials. Special interest groups already have too much influence in our elections and this bill will tarnish our reputation for clean and transparent government.

Combined, these bills will encourage confrontational and disruptive behavior at polling locations and disenfranchise many seniors, working families and students. We believe that these voter suppression efforts are contrary to our state's proud tradition of open, honest, and free elections and we strongly urge you to veto these unnecessary and anti-voter measures.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and encourage you to make the right decision for Wisconsin's proud democratic tradition.

Sincerely,



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11th Assembly District



Steve Doyle
94th Assembly District



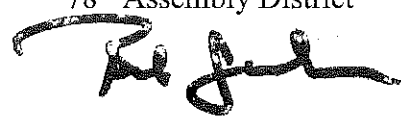
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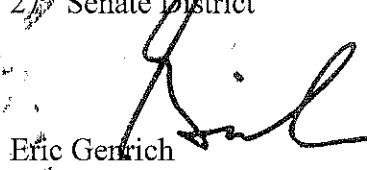
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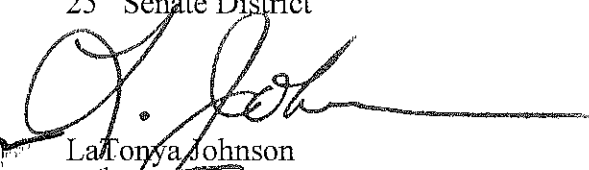
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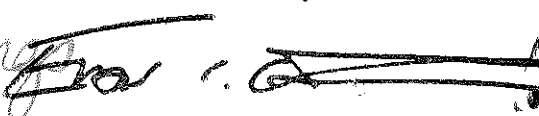
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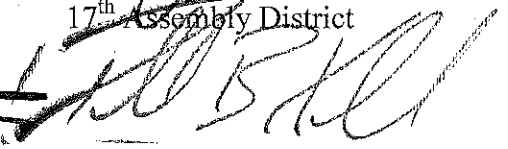
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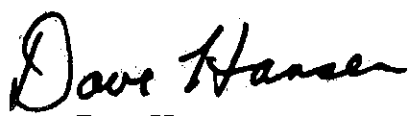
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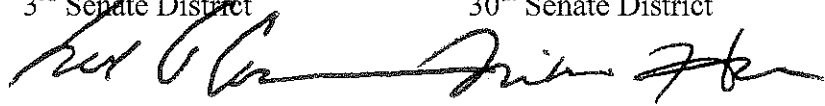
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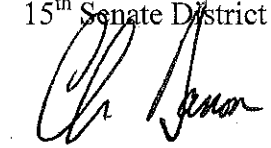
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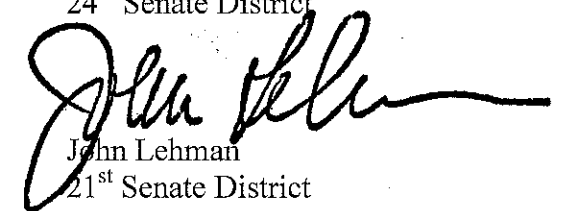
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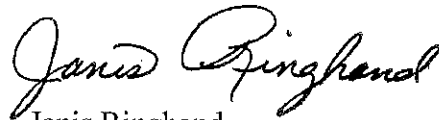


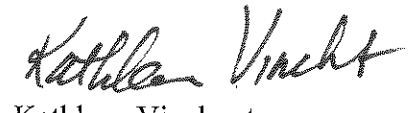
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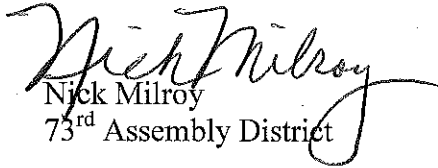


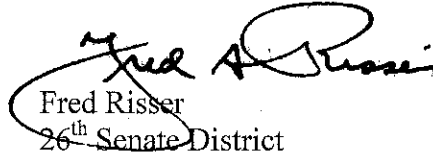
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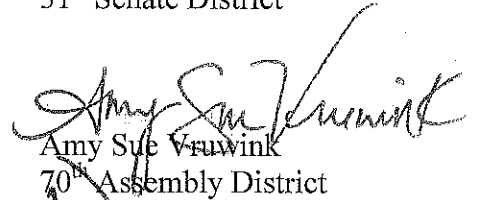

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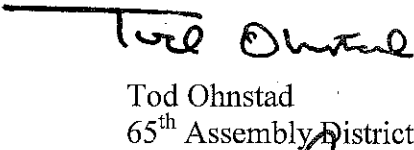

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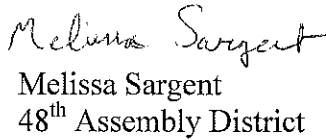

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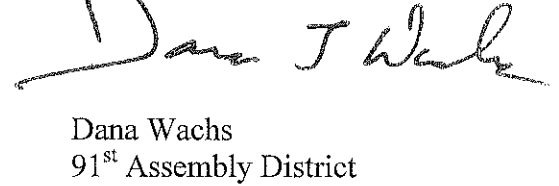

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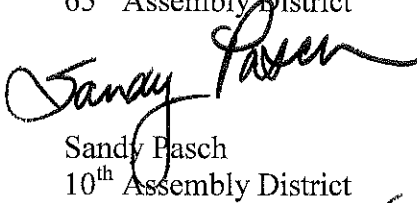

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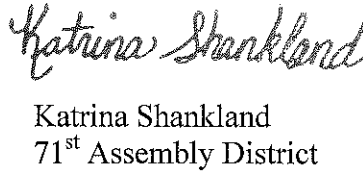

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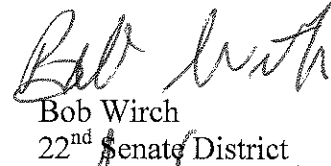

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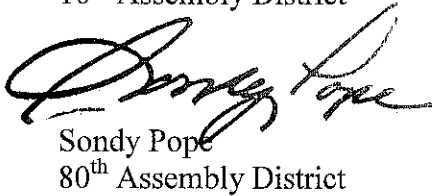

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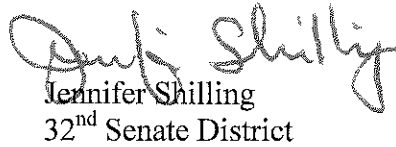

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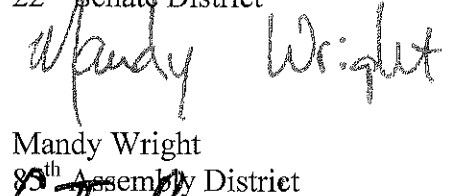

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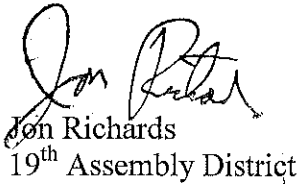

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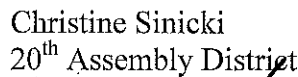

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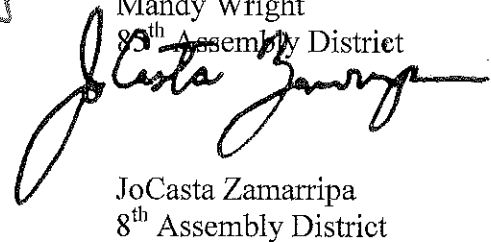

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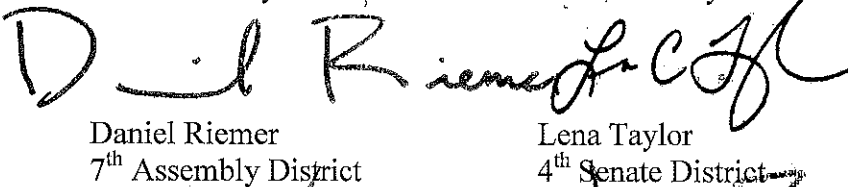

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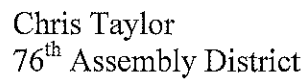

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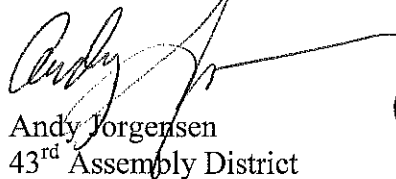

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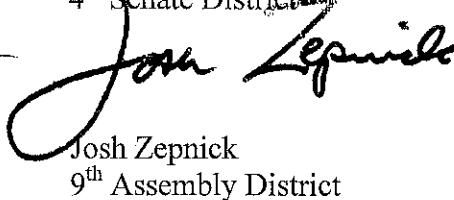

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