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**Governor Evers Vetoes Secure and Transparent Election Reforms**

**Madison** – Yesterday, the governor vetoed three bills authored by Senator Dan Knodl (R – Germantown).

Senate Bill 98 would have required DOT to include a notation on new identification cards issued to non-citizens that the card is not valid for voting purposes.

“The governor vetoing this bill undoubtedly reveals he has no issue with non U.S. citizens voting in our elections. It really is as simple as that.

“I completely reject the ridiculous reasoning in the governor’s veto message that this bill would somehow ‘cause certain individuals to be treated unfairly’ and that there’s ‘few, if any, verified cases of voter registration by a noncitizen.’ The idea for this bill was brought to me from a city clerk in the 8<sup>th</sup> Senate District in response to multiple concrete examples of non-U.S. citizens voting in our elections.”

Assembly Bill 396 would lower our state's embarrassingly high fee for citizens to receive a copy of Wisconsin's voter registration list, currently the 4<sup>th</sup> highest in the country.

“The governor has a clear disdain for transparency in our election process. Charging \$12,500 for the official voter list unnecessarily places this information out of reach for the public.”

Assembly 494 would have made a number of reasonable changes to the state’s indefinitely confined statute, while maintaining the status for those who truly need it.

“This veto is just another example of the governor’s disregard for the voting process and the cover he is providing to rogue clerks who have attempted to exploit our election laws--especially our voter ID law.”

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*The 8<sup>th</sup> Senate District includes portions of Washington, Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Milwaukee Counties.*