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## Sen. Tomczyk Supports Wausau Mayor Doug Diny in Drop Box Dispute

**Wausau, WI...** Senator Cory Tomczyk (R-Mosinee) released the following statement regarding Wausau Mayor Doug Diny's actions regarding ballot drop boxes:

"This week, Mayor Diny removed an unsecured ballot drop box from its location near Wausau City Hall and moved it indoors. This box was not bolted to the ground, nor was it being monitored by city employees, which could lead to voter fraud or damage to deposited ballots. I applaud Mayor Diny's efforts to protect the ballots of the residents of Wausau.

"According to the Legislative Council, the law is ambiguous as to who has the ability to decide whether a municipality will choose to utilize ballot drop boxes or not. Mayor Diny was elected by the people of Wausau and therefore believes it is his duty to protect his constituents' ballots to the best of his ability. I agree with him and stand with him.

"I also agree with Mayor Diny that, moving forward, if the Wausau City Council feels that it should be the entity that decides this issue and would like to take it up, then the council should bring it to a vote.

"This isn't a partisan issue. <u>Every</u> legal voter's ballot deserves to be protected and Mayor Diny is ensuring that is what happens in this election in the City of Wausau."

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