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Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 5:55 PM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: [Ext]Responsive records 1 of 6 for "RE: Public Records Request (WI-SEN-20-0892)"

Ms. Megan Field,

This email is the first of six that will be sent in quick succession that constitute all responsive records to American Oversight's April 10, 2020 public records request. Part 1 is documents from employee Mark Radcliffe, whose primary duties include constituent relations. Parts 2 thru 4 are almost entirely constituent responses from our general office account. Part 5 is documents from employee Lucas Fuller, whose primary duties include external communications. Part 6 is documents from Senator Stroebel's email account and my account.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me. Thank you.

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Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 6:14 PM
To: Soper, John; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: RE: Tweets on COVID-19

You can correct me if I'm wrong, but I don't believe the general qualitative data is even that specific. At least as far as the official statewide data that DHS is publishing. Even with the addition of several new data points today on the DHS dashboard, it's pretty much limited to age and ethnicity. I haven't seen any official reporting with regard to comorbidities.

From: Soper, John
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: FW: Tweets on COVID-19

Left you guys off my reply...

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Soper, John" <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 4/10/20 5:27 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Stroebe, Duey" <Duey.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Tweets on COVID-19

The underlying conditions question.... there isn't info on that numerically, only the general qualitative statements like age, hypertension, diabetes

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Stroebe, Duey" <Duey.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 4/10/20 5:24 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Soper, John" <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: "Fuller, Lucas" <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Radcliffe, Mark" <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Tweets on COVID-19

What?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2020, at 5:24 PM, Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

I have not seen any quantitative info on comorbidities anywhere

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Stroebe, Duey" <Duey.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 4/10/20 5:17 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Fuller, Lucas" <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: "Radcliffe, Mark" <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Soper, John" <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Tweets on COVID-19

Any demographic data on dead people, people in hospitals, etc.???? And underlying conditions???

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2020, at 4:51 PM, Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Duey,

Attached are 16 tweets that we could post as a thread. It's a lot of content, but it generally covers the data and your advocacy for cutting state spending. The tweets include 3 images (hot spot map, ICU utilization in two regions, and the total deaths scenario chart).

Let me know what you think.

Mark and John, I made some edits for clarity and typos since I sent it to you, if you guys take a look please check this one rather than the earlier version.

Luke

<Tweets on COVID-19.docx>

Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:47 AM
To: Soper, John
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Press Release

Will do. Thanks for giving the green light.

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From: Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:46 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Suspicious URL:RE: COVID-19 Press Release

Good to go. Send.

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark; Soper, John
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Press Release

Just cleaned up the file name

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:23 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Press Release

The draft is attached, along with the distribution list for Mark to send it once we are all set.

Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:03 AM
To: Soper, John
Cc: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: RE: Updated DRAFT Press Release

The strikethroughs and bolded excerpts reflect my revisions and suggestions. Take them for what they're worth.

Thanks.

From: Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey <Duey.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Suspicious URL: Updated DRAFT Press Release

I shoved in as much data to the first paragraph as I could. I also specifically attacked the park closing at the end of paragraph 2. I don't know if this will fit in a one-page press release until Luke tries the formatting.

This Sunday will be one month since Governor Evers declared a public health emergency and according to ~~one~~ **the prevailing** national model^[1], **we will be** near the peak of COVID-19 growth in Wisconsin. This national model has revised down its predictions to a total of 424 Wisconsin deaths **by August 4th of this year**. A March 26th document from the Department of Health Services shows an expected positive test count of 22,000 by April 8th, with 440 – 1500 people already infected who would eventually die. The trajectory of cases and deaths in Wisconsin is many times lower than the initial projections upon which Governor Evers and Secretary-Designee Palm based their policies. With COVID-19 patients only taking up about 15% of all ICU beds in Wisconsin, with about 35% of ICU space still available^[2], the concern of overwhelming our medical system is not as imminent or inevitable as it may have seemed previously.

As we enter this new phase of the COVID-19 response, I believe we need a fresh look **to** reevaluate our policy choices. Every sickness and death is a tragedy, but so are businesses and livelihoods ruined by shelter in place orders. The same rings true for the pronounced negative impacts on civil liberties and quality of life. Good policymaking is **inherently** a cost/benefit analysis. There are benefits to health safety measures, but new data demands we rerun our analysis continuously. I ~~doubt~~ **question whether** it made sense to close state parks on account of intermittent outdoor social distancing concerns given the real numbers.

Nationwide there are dramatic economic impacts from our COVID-19 prevention strategies. The coffers of Wisconsin will not be immune from the brakes being slammed on our economy. Besides being counterproductive, indefinite sheltering orders will eventually lead to civil disobedience. We need to begin planning an orderly method of reopening our civil life in stages to refresh our economy and liberties soon. Even under optimum restart conditions, tough decisions will need to be made about our state finances. States can't print money like the federal government can.

Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 5:28 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas; Soper, John
Subject: COVID-19 Data

I'm starting an email thread based on Duey's research ask.

It appears the total beds listed on WHA's dashboard do not comport with the totals Andrea Palm provided during the March 30 media briefing. The total number of staffed hospital beds check out, but Palm indicated the state had roughly 2,400 ICU beds. I'll put my faith behind WHA's numbers.

- Total staffed hospital beds statewide: 10,989
- Total ICU beds statewide: 1,311
- Normal occupancy rate (per Andrea Palm): 58%
- Ventilators: 1,233

As of April 9, 2020:

- Total COVID-19 hospitalizations (per DHS): 843
- Current COVID-19 hospitalizations: 446 (Usage as % of occupancy = 4.0%)
- Current COVID-19 ICU patients: 196 (Usage as % of occupancy = 14.9%)
- Current ventilated patients: 330 (Usage as % of occupancy = 26.7%)
- Total Beds Occupied: 7,049
- Total Beds Available: 3,940
- Total Occupancy Rate: 64.1%
- Total COVID-19 deaths (per DHS): 111

Projected IMHE Model Peak Resource Usage: April 13, 2020 (4 days)

- Total hospital beds needed: 926
- Total ICU beds needed: 184
- Total Ventilators needed: 156
- Total COVID-19 deaths: 193

Day-to-day Wisconsin figures (March 15, 2020 to Present): <https://covidtracking.com/data/state/wisconsin>

Wisconsin Population: 5.8 million

- *[Per Capita calculations to TBD]*

That's what I was able to come up with for now. Luke, please critique and revise where needed. I know I could use it.

Thanks,

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From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Fuller, Lucas; Soper, John
Subject: FW: Press Release: Gov. Evers Directs DNR to Close 40 State Parks, Forests and Recreational Areas

FYI. The lobbyist for the Towns Association passed along this information in response to an email we received earlier this morning from the Town of Grafton's Board Chairman regarding the announcement of the state park closures.

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To: Lester Bartel <LAB@cercogroup.com>; Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Darling <Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.OttJ <Rep.OttJ@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Press Release: Gov. Evers Directs DNR to Close 40 State Parks, Forests and Recreational Areas

Lester:

It will be even worse tomorrow. I was just on a call with the feds and they are effectively shutting down the national forest facilities, including boat landings, tomorrow. I fish a lot in May on national forest lakes, most of which is with a canoe on remote lakes. I see a human or two in an entire day that is usually hundreds of yards away. Those landings are all closed starting tomorrow. I was born and raised up north. If you want a revolt, close down the boat landings. About the only thing worse would be to take away the 9 day gun season.

Mike

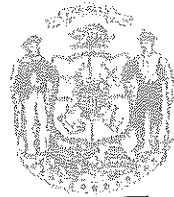
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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Darling (Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov) <Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks (Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov) <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.OttJ <Rep.OttJ@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Press Release: Gov. Evers Directs DNR to Close 40 State Parks, Forests and Recreational Areas

Good morning everyone, Is this really the best approach. With warmer weather coming is it possible to encourage safe use of Parks, Lakes, Golf courses and Trails? You can't lock people up forever. Wisconsin is definitely not a hotbed of COVID 19 activity. Rewarding the public for adopting safe behavior should be rewarded, not further punished. Maybe he is just trying to make up for not being able to cancel the election

☺ Someone has to get through to him that all of Wisconsin is not downtown Milwaukee. Thank you

Lester Bartel
Chairman-Town of Grafton



Tony Evers

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 9, 2020

Contact: GovPress@wisconsin.gov or 608-219-7443

Gov. Evers Directs DNR to Close 40 State Parks, Forests, and Recreational Areas

MADISON – Gov. Tony Evers today directed the Department of Natural Resources to close several state parks to protect the health and safety of Wisconsinites.

Due to unprecedented crowds, litter, vandalism and out of an abundance of caution to protect public health and safety and help flatten the curve, the following Wisconsin State Parks, Forests and Recreational Areas will close at the end of the day Thurs., April 9, and will remain closed beginning Fri., April 10, until further notice:

Northeast Region

High Cliff State Park

Southeast Region

Big Foot Beach State Park, Harrington Beach State Park, Havenwoods State Forest, Kohler-Andrae State Park, Kettle Moraine State Forest Lapham Peak, Loew Lake, Mukwonago River, Northern Unit, Pike Lake Southern Unit, Lakeshore State Park, and Richard Bong State Recreational Area

South Central Region

Aztalan State Park, Belmont Mound State Park, Blue Mound State Park, Cadiz Springs State Recreational Area, Capital Springs State Recreational Area, Cross Plains State Park, Devil's Lake State Park, Fenley State Recreational Area, Governor Dodge State Park, Governor Nelson State Park, Lake Kegonsa State Park, Lower Wisconsin Riverway, Mackenzie Center, Mirror Lake State Park, Natural Bridge State Park, Nelson Dewey State Park, New Glarus Woods State Park, Rocky Arbor State Park, Sauk Prairie State Recreational Area, Tower Hill State Park, Wyalusing State Park, Yellowstone Lake State Park, Gibraltar Rock State Natural Area, Pewitts Nest State Natural Area, Parfrey's Glen State Natural Area and Dell County The Wisconsin River State Natural Area

"I wanted to keep state parks open for the public to enjoy during this challenging time which is why outdoor activity is listed as an essential activity under the Safer at Home order," said Gov. Tony Evers. "Unfortunately, growing difficulty with ensuring social distancing compliance, dwindling cleaning supplies and mounting trash are some of the challenges faced by our state parks staff. We have to address the growing public health and safety concern and protect Wisconsinites."

Despite waiving fees, closing state park offices, visitor centers, and non-essential buildings to help minimize the transmission of COVID-19 at parks, the situation has reached a point where public safety in the parks and surrounding communities takes precedence over keeping these locations open. If the public does not follow social distancing guidelines and vandalizes property, more state parks may have to close.

The public should follow simple steps to prevent illness and avoid exposure to this virus including:

- Avoid social gatherings with people of all ages (including playdates and sleepovers, parties, large family dinners, visitors in your home, non-essential workers in your house);
- Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and water;
- Covering coughs and sneezes;
- Avoiding touching your face; and
- Staying home.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and we encourage you and the public to frequently monitor the DHS website for updates, and to follow @DHSWI on Facebook and Twitter, or dhs.wi on Instagram. Additional information can be found on the CDC website.

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From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 4:57 PM
To: Soper, John
Subject: RE: Dunn Co Golf Courses

Thanks for passing it along, John.

Very interesting interpretation and application of the "Safer at Home" order.

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Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Dunn Co Golf Courses

For what it is worth

From: Duerkop, Nathan
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 3:24 PM
To: Kelly, Scott; Mugnaini, Jason; Gibbs, Adam; Ponio, Jerry; Lakin, Tim; Romportl, Dan; Rettinger, Nik; Koenen, Kyle; Lonergan, Sandy; Prange, Katy; Summerfield, Craig; Mikalsen, Mike; Zantow, Jenna; Fiocchi, Tim; Henkel, Matt; Soper, John; Emerson, James; Esser, Jennifer
Subject: Dunn Co Golf Courses

Per my bosses comments just now in caucus, attached is a copy of the letter sent out by Dunn Co authorities allowing golf courses to stay open as long as they follow social distancing, etc.. Thanks,

Nathan
Bernier Office

Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: RE: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Looks great, Luke.

This is the most minute of minute revisions, but you might want to add a space between the hyphen and "Frequently" for the fifth bullet point in the "Helpful Links" section.

Everything looks good to me.

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From: Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:09 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey <Duey.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Here's the draft of an E-Update for today. Let me know what you think.

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Friends,

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve I wanted to share a few helpful links and

details. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if you have questions about other issues that are not addressed below. We can be reached by email or by phone at (608) 266-7513.

April 3 Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Earlier this week, a federal judge ruled that voters in Wisconsin have until 5:00 PM today to request an absentee ballot. Regardless of where you live in Wisconsin, you can request an absentee ballot here.

Many communities in our area are still offering early in-person voting as well. You can contact your local clerk to learn more about those opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who has participated or plans to participate in this election as a voter or poll worker.

Helpful Links on COVID-19

I know we all have endless questions about COVID-19 and the related issues we are facing. To help answer some of the most frequent questions my office has received I wanted to provide you links to a series of resources.

- [Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [The Wisconsin Department of Health Services - COVID-19 Web Page](#)
- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Business Resources Page](#)
- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Essential Business Declaration Page](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control -Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Internal Revenue Service - Information on Economic Impact Payments](#)

Your local County Health Department is also a key resource if you believe you may have COVID-19. I applaud those working in the healthcare field that are not only working to treat those impacted by COVID-19, but to share timely information with the public.

Stay well,

Duey Stroebel



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Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:40 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: RE: Evers Quote on Maintaining April 7 Election Date

Here's the example for the Tweet Duey mentioned:

Interesting commentary from Gov. Evers:

Gov. Evers on March 20: "I'm telling you my personal opinion, and that is, moving this date is not gonna solve the problem."

Gov. Evers on April 1: "If I could have changed the election on my own I would have, but I can't without violating state law."

Maybe we could put the two quotes from Gov. Evers in a graphic?

Just a thought. Duey sounds like he's ready to review whatever draft you end up putting together.

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From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Evers Quote on Maintaining April 7 Election Date

Luke,

Duey settled on the following excerpt from Evers' March 20 media briefing: "I'm telling you my personal opinion, and that is, moving this date is not gonna solve the problem."

Here is Evers' quote from yesterday that Duey would like to respond to: "If I could have changed the election on my own I would have, but I can't without violating state law."

I guess one caveat is that Evers was alluding to changing the election, but not necessarily the election date itself.

In the Journal Sentinel article that I pulled the quote from, the author (Patrick Marley) indicates "While Evers wants some changes, he still wants in-person voting to occur on Tuesday."

So perhaps Evers did not explicitly call for a change in the election date. I'll do some more digging.

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey <Duey.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Evers Quote on Maintaining April 7 Election Date

Hi Duey,

This was the most firm statement I was able to track down from my notes regarding Evers' initial commitment to maintaining the April 7 election. To the best of my knowledge, he did not indicate he was open to changing the date of the election itself until yesterday, when he was chastised (along with legislative Republicans) by the federal judge who will soon be issuing a ruling on the various lawsuits pertaining to the election.

I've provided the quote and the context surrounding it from the Evers administration's March 20 media briefing on COVID-19 (as well as the time stamps). I highlighted the portions of Evers quote that I thought were most relevant:

1:00:22 – Rob Sessman from WTAQ in Green Bay – for Governor, this morning, the Mayors of Green Bay, Appleton, and Neenah called on the state to delay the April 7 election. Specifically, Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich said that conducting this election in the typical way would be a logistical trainwreck and public health travesty due to current restrictions on gatherings. How can the April 7 election be held in-person given the current state of the pandemic, and as you said, it is only expected to get worse over the next two weeks?

1:01:07: Evers: And I've talked to most of those mayors that you've mentioned. The first of all, my ability to move that date is non-existent – I don't have that authority. But, I have to put it into perspective here – this is not just a primary election. Most importantly, it is a general election at which state officials, state supreme court, there's municipal officials, at the county and local level, school board members are elected. I don't take – all those positions are important in order for us to solve this problem. We can't afford to have any of those positions vacant for any period of time. If we move the date, that's exactly what would happen. Second issue is, it is in state statute when this takes place, and um, I have not been convinced, and these are my personal, since I don't have – uh, the ability to change it. I'm telling you my personal opinion, and that is, moving this date is not gonna solve the problem. We can move it to June, it could be worse in June, it could worse in May. So, the idea of, "let's just move it," to me doesn't have any, um, and I understand it's a difficult situation. We had three states that did it just a few, uh, uh, last week. But the, um, the bottom line is, it is going to be on April 7, and we're asking our most important ask here, is for people to vote absentee. And, alls they have to do is go to myvote.wi.gov by April 7. They'll send you a, uh, um, online, or they'll send you a ballot, and you mail it in. You won't have to go in and vote. For those who do decide to vote, our municipalities will be doing everything in their power to make sure that there's social distancing at the poll, in line, and they'll be able to do it. Am I going to say it's going to be issue-free – absolutely not. But we can't – we have a democracy to participate in, and local and state races are really important. This is not around the primary, this primary is a national thing. But for me, it's about making sure that our democracy is able to persist. We're gonna have to have a vote. It's scheduled for April 7. And there's frankly no good way to do it in a better way. So, I'm counting on the officials, I've talked to the

Mayor of Green Bay just today or yesterday, I can't remember which. I've talked to people in the Fox Valley. They, they may not like it, but they're committed to make it happen well. We can have it, well – make it the best possible way by having people vote by mail. Pretty simple.

1:04:25 – Rob Sessman: I had a quick follow up. Could you see the entire election at some point becoming a mail-in only election. Is that something that could possibly be in the cards?

Evers: That could be. As you likely know, there's a lawsuit going on around that very issue to encourage, give some more flexibility around this in mail-in. And yes, I think, in just my opinion is that having that opportunity to mail-in is one that we should be considering going forward.

1:04:59 – Ryan Nilsesteun: This is Ryan Nilsesteun, Governor Evers' chief legal counsel. The governor has directed the State Emergency Operations Center and General Knapp to provide assistance to the Elections Commission, to clerks around the state. We have attack groups set up just to address these issues to make sure, one, that there's adequate poll workers. That includes finding state employees, volunteers, and the Guard in order to staff the polls. And two, to make sure that, as the Governor stated, that the election can happen safely, and that includes looking at all options are available to ensure that people can vote absentee and that those votes are counted.

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From: Radcliffe, Mark
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To: Fuller, Lucas
Cc: Soper, John
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Luke,

It looks like the "Mapped Data" and "Wisconsin Data" webpages are recent additions. Previously, DHS had a single webpage devoted to data reporting (the "Outbreaks & Investigations" page). It doesn't go as far as reporting on underlying conditions for those individuals who have been hospitalized or passed away due to COVID-19, but it stands as a pretty significant improvement over the limited data DHS had been reporting.

I don't find any notable issues with the manner in which you translated or worded the questions. I did reformat the questions in your original email though for the sake of improving readability. **My suggested revisions to your questions are included below in bold.**

I think Dr. Westergaard has spoken to the first, fourth, and fifth questions in the Governor's media briefings and the legislative briefings, but they're probably worth revisiting as the situation on the ground changes day-to-day.

Over the last day or two people have begun referencing the University of Washington's model after it was referenced in a White House briefing, but I recall Westergaard referencing the Imperial College model a time or two. Either way, there are several models out there, and it would be nice to have more transparency from the department on their own modeling/projection efforts.

Generally speaking, I believe DHS has indicated they expect hospitalizations to peak within the next two to three weeks in Wisconsin, but they've only vaguely indicated what metrics they'll be using to gauge when restrictions should be lifted (i.e., when the daily number of confirmed cases, hospitalizations, and deaths begin to flatten or regress). I spoke to John on the phone a few minutes ago, and we both feel it would be better to get a more specific, metric-driven commitment from a department that has purportedly been grounding their decisions in "the metrics." John can probably reword or add that verbiage more effectively than I can, so he'll send you his revisions shortly. I tried to take a crack at it as well (see below).

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Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:15 PM
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Cc: Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Looks like they now have some of the age breakdown info that Duey wants.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm>
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm>

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 2:10 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Cc: Soper, John
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Hi guys,

I texted Kyle and it sounds like they have not received many questions from other offices for the Friday call with Palm and DHS. On a separate email thread Duey offered the below direction:

My biggest questions would center around what expert(s) they base their predictions upon and asking them to attempt to provide a more detailed analysis of the statistics - not just a cumulative total of who has gotten it. Maybe a daily trend line of confirmed cases vs tests, data on deaths i.e. how many people had underlying issues contributing to the death, age, etc., etc.

I think we can put together the positive test % by day with what MacIver has, so I can do that already, but I've tried to formulate the other issues into questions below and also added a few others. Let me know if you have thoughts and we can run these by Duey and then submit them to Kapenga.

- Which models and experts are we relying upon to project Wisconsin's future scenarios? **Is there one model or body of research in particular that DHS' staff have been relying on?**
- Are there standards for how deaths are being counted in Wisconsin? For example, if you die of pneumonia and have tested positive for COVID-19 is that individual counted in death total DHS is reporting and is that process standard across Wisconsin?
- ~~Can data about those individuals in the death count be added to the DHS website. For example, Michigan includes a breakdown by age for both positive tests and death.~~ **For the data listed on DHS' website specific to the COVID-19 death count, it would also be useful to have data about what underlying conditions the deceased individuals might have had. Is this information local health departments and DHS would be able to capture and make available to the public?**
- Do we expect deaths and hospitalizations to peak at the same time in different parts of Wisconsin? Looking at the current distribution of cases by county it seems like Milwaukee County is growing much faster than Washburn County for example?
- What metrics is the Evers administration using to evaluate when the restrictions on public gatherings and businesses should be lifted? **Can you elaborate on the specific trends in**

positive cases, hospitalizations, and deaths that DHS would need to see before you would commit to lifting these restrictions?

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Duey Stroebel
Cc: Soper, John; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

FYI.

FYI.

Just received this update from Kapenga's office. He was able to arrange a call with Sec.-designee Palm for Friday at 11:00 AM in response to the letter that was sent out yesterday. His office will be fielding questions and compiling a list of any specific points that the caucus members might want to have DHS and Andrea Palm address. Sounds like the best way to forward those items is to text Kapenga directly before Friday [REDACTED]

I will get it placed on the calendar.

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Subject: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19
Importance: High

Dear Caucus members,

Dear Caucus members,

Secretary-Designee Palm responded to our letter and has agreed to speak with us on **Friday at 11AM**. If that time works in your schedule, please notify my office so we can give them an idea of who will be on. This will be a zoom meeting or you can dial in to the conference call. The call information is at the bottom of this email.

These are the four specific subjects we plan to focus on:

1. The length of the stay-at-home order
2. Flexibility of restrictions with regards to infection rates within each county
3. Testing availability and turnaround time
4. Proposed ventilator purchase

If you have specific questions or points around these items please let me know prior to the call so I can ensure she knows what we are looking for beforehand. That will allow her to best prepare for the call. Due to the time limitations and the number of people who will likely be on, if you have something you would like to ask during the call please text me on my cell [REDACTED] That way I can keep a que similar to how we do it in committee or caucus. This is simply to ensure we maximize the productivity of the call and get as much information as possible.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions.

Chris

Join Zoom Meeting: [REDACTED]

Meeting ID: [REDACTED]

If dialing in instead of using computer audio, please dial [REDACTED] and enter code [REDACTED]

Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:30 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Soper, John; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Letter from State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor - March 31, 2020

FYI. We received this in the shared inbox about a half-hour ago.

It's the first piece of direct communication from DPI that the legislature has received since the school closures were put into effect earlier this month (the effective date of the school closures was March 18, but most schools closed voluntarily on March 16).

There's nothing groundbreaking in the linked correspondence in the email, but I wanted to pass it along in light of the relative silence of DPI Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor throughout the state of emergency.

From: Huber, Grant S - DPI <Grant.Huber@dpi.wi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:00 PM
Subject: COVID-19 Letter from State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor - March 31, 2020

Dear Legislators,

FYI

A letter from State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor to School Administrators regarding COVID-19

Sincerely,

Grant

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Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:29 PM
To: Soper, John
Cc: Stroebel, Duey; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: FW: RE: Absentee Voting in West Bend

Sending a few more perspectives from some of our locals that have reached out to us directly about the April 7 election, all of whom support leaving the current arrangement in place.

I wanted to pass these along for the sake of having an up-to-date record in one email chain.

Here's how the Village of Fredonia weighed in:

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to both of you to please strongly consider not voting for the legislation from the Governor today to send an absentee ballot to every registered voter for the spring election.

Our office has 1 full time, and one half time person in the office. We have been working hard to mail ballots to everyone requesting, and assisting the people who come in to vote. It has not been easy, but we are getting by and making it work without complaint.

Does the governor really want us to send a ballot to every one without any consideration for the voter id law that is in place? Fraud? I could certainly see it being an issue.

Plus there is so much work in sending out a ballot to begin with, but then tracking them is a whole another story and then processing them (remaking if errors etc.).

Please please please vote no!!!

We just want the April 7th election to be over with. We are so close...

Thank you,



View your voting activity, update your name or address, register to vote and more!

<https://myvote.wi.gov>

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Here's how Sheboygan County weighed in (email was initially sent to Fitz and Vos, but forwarded to our shared inbox):

Good afternoon Senator Fitzgerald and Representative Vos:

Stay the course! Municipal clerks are doing an incredible job of keeping up now, after the initial wave of absentee requests flooded in. The 28 municipal clerks in Sheboygan County are now reporting that the flow has leveled off, or started to taper off. If Election Day is postponed, you will be turning this into an election year, not just the current spring and fall cycles. The vast majority of municipal clerks loathe elections, are often also the municipal treasurer with a boat load of other items to be attending to, and look forward to the summer months to breath, recoup, and catch up, before doing this all over again in July (election work starts long before the August primary). It's a challenge of a lifetime but clerks are focusing on April 8th, the day after. We're so far past the halfway point (military and overseas voters had ballots sent to them back on February 20th. And with the incredible influx of absentee voting already tackled, the show must go on.

Regarding poll workers, municipal clerks are getting help from their boards/trustees, other municipal employees, volunteer firefighters, college students home on break, high school students 16 years old and up, contacting bartenders registered with the town who are now laid off, others that have been laid off (I think you know poll workers get paid), family and friends. They're advertising on digital billboards and newspapers, I've asked local colleges, universities, and radio stations to spread the word, and people are contacting clerks to help out.

Regarding sanitization at the polls, clerks are gearing up for wiping down voting booths after every voter, having voters keep the pen they used, hand sanitizer stations before and after voting, curbside voting, etc. They want this to happen and be done with it. There is a 30%+ turnover with municipal clerks that the WEC has to train each year. If Election Day gets postponed, I fear that figure would surpass 50%.

Please stay the course!

Thank you for your time and service!

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And finally, Washington County expressed their opposition to the mail-in election format yesterday, and have submitted a motion to intervene in the Green Bay lawsuit:

Good Morning,

As an FYI, Washington County intends to file a motion to intervene in the Green Bay lawsuit. We oppose Green Bay's position to move the election and going mail only. We understand other cities are joining GB's position.

The executive committee meeting, minus closed session will stream on our social media.
www.facebook.com/washcowisco

We will know more about the process after a scheduling conference at 1:30pm.

Thank you,



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From: Radcliffe, Mark

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:19 PM

To: Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Cc: Stroebel, Duey <Duey.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: RE: Absentee Voting in West Bend

FYI:

Here's Jay Shambeau's remarks regarding the situation with the April 7 election in West Bend:

"It would be devastating to our City Clerk team to suspend, postpone or otherwise modify the April 7 election at this point. They have put in a ton of effort and hours and are looking forward to a conclusion on April 7. We are already at 32% overall ballots returned. The actual election day will not be that taxing on our workers.

Please stay strong with your April 7 advocacy!

Jay

Jay Shambeau
City Administrator"

I also spoke to Jim Healy last week as they were getting their drive-thru absentee voting operation up and running, and it sounds like they've been having quite a bit of success with it. Here's some coverage from Judy Steffes on the Richfield operation: <http://www.washingtoncountyinsider.com/drive-through-absentee-voting-starts-march-23-in-village-of-richfield-2-10/>

Thought these might be helpful references in preparing some messaging leading into next week.

Thanks,

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Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 10:47 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Fuller, Lucas; Soper, John
Subject: FW: Absentee Voting in West Bend

Duey,

I wanted to forward you this email directly since it is coming from one of our local officials – Jay Shambeau of West Bend. As we are continuing to see litigation and strong opinions about the April 7 election, it appears communities like West Bend and Richfield (the latter is offering a drive-thru early voting option that appears to be successful so far) are stepping up to the task to expand voting opportunities for the public while taking the necessary public health precautions. This stands in contrast to some of the other communities in the district that have essentially entered into submission by limiting accommodations for the public and early voting opportunities, in addition to calling for a postponed election date or “mail-in” election, both of which would not be feasible options at this point in the process.

I can work on drafting a brief response to Jay for your review, but I thought it was worth highlighting the municipalities that are doing a good job in the lead up to the election.

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From: Shambeau, Jay <shambeauj@ci.west-bend.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Absentee Voting in West Bend

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gybFRj50jZQ>

<https://www.facebook.com/CityofWestBend/videos/2516628851920651/>

Senator Stroebel,

Hope your family, staff and extended loved ones are staying safe. Please know that your City of West Bend staff members continue to take our duties seriously and have continued all essential services. We are being safe and smart with staff and protecting them as much as possible.

Please see the above City of West Bend video that encourages our constituents to request online absentee ballots, and demonstrates our processes that we have implemented for safe in-person absentee voting at city hall. Stephanie Justmann, City Clerk has prepared for this election well in advance. We started in-person absentee voting one week early and have processed over 6,000 absentee ballots already. Please share this video to encourage other municipalities to do their job as well.

West Bend has taken on this election and is expecting a total of approximately 90% voter turnout!

Please reach out if you desire to talk through anything in more detail.

Thanks for all that you do for our district!

Be safe,
Jay

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Duey Stroebel
FROM: Michael Gallagher, senior legislative attorney
DATE: March 26, 2020
SUBJECT: State and local government powers during an emergency

You asked for a memorandum summarizing the powers of the state and local units of government during a public health emergency.

In order to provide full context, this memo discusses the constitutional "police" powers and related statutory emergency powers of both the state and local governments in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency. Because traditional "police" powers underpin all of the statutory powers of the state and local governments in an emergency, the memo discusses "police" powers first. The memo is organized as follows:

- I. "Police" powers: The constitutional basis for state and local actions during a public health emergency.
 - II. The state's emergency powers and the COVID-19 public health emergency.
 - III. The emergency powers of local units of government and local health officials in a public health emergency.
 - IV. Conclusion.
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- I. **"Police" powers: The constitutional basis for state and local actions during a public health emergency.**
 - a. States have broad police powers to promote and protect the public health.

The powers of the state, and, by extension, local units of government, to issue such orders as necessary to address the COVID-19 outbreak fall within the traditional "police" powers of the state. Police powers are those traditional governmental powers to regulate in the name of public health and safety and the general welfare. Under the U.S. Constitution, these powers were not

significantly adversely affected by doing so could be unconstitutional even if compulsory vaccination under the circumstances is an otherwise constitutional exercise of the state's police powers.⁶

The power to regulate in the name of public health falls to the state legislature as the preeminent policy-making body of the state. As a result, the governor or a state agency, such as DHS, generally has only such emergency powers as are established by statute.

b. The delegated "police" powers of local governments.

As the *Jacobson* court noted, the legislature may delegate certain powers to safeguard the public health to local governments and other local administrative bodies:

It is equally true that the State may invest local bodies called into existence for purposes of local administration with authority in some appropriate way to safeguard the public health and the public safety. The mode or manner in which those results are to be accomplished is within the discretion of the State.⁷

But, local units of government are nothing other than creatures of the state.⁸ As such, local units of government have no inherent police powers that are different from or greater than those of the state. In fact, in Wisconsin, local units of government have *only* those police powers delegated to them by statute and *only* to the extent of that delegation.⁹

II. The state's emergency powers and the COVID-19 public health emergency.

On March 12, 2020, the governor declared a public health emergency under Wis. Stat. § 323.10 in response to the outbreak in Wisconsin of a novel strain of the coronavirus, which has been

⁶ Id. at 38–9; see also id. at 25 (“The mode or manner in which those results are to be accomplished is within the discretion of the State, subject, of course, so far as Federal power is concerned, only to the condition that no rule prescribed by a State, nor any regulation adopted by a local governmental agency acting under the sanction of state legislation, shall contravene the Constitution of the United States or infringe any right granted or secured by that instrument. A local enactment or regulation, even if based on the acknowledged police power of a State, must always yield in case of conflict with the exercise by the General Government of any power it possesses under the Constitution, or with any right which that instrument gives or secures.”). Also, beyond the kind of interference with personal liberty involved in forced vaccination, to the extent that the First Amendment freedom of assembly or other similar right is implicated, any state or local restriction generally must be content-neutral, serve a compelling government interest, and be narrowly tailored to achieve that compelling government interest. See, e.g., *Ward v. Rock Against Racism* 491 U.S. 781 (1989).

⁷ *Jacobson*, 197 U.S. 11 at 27.

⁸ See, e.g., *Van Gilder v. Madison*, 222 Wis. 58, 72–2 (1936) (quoting *Trenton v. New Jersey* (1923), 262 U.S. 182, 43 S. Ct. 534, 536) (“A municipality is merely a department of the state, and the state may withhold, grant or withdraw powers and privileges as it sees fit. However great or small its sphere of action, it remains the creature of the state exercising and holding powers and privileges subject to the sovereign will.”).

⁹ Cities and villages’ home rule authority under the Wisconsin Constitution does not necessarily alter the analysis. A city’s home rule must give way to requirements with respect to matters of statewide concern. Additionally, home rule cannot bestow on a city any police power that is greater than or different from that possessed by the state because, even given constitutional home rule, a city is still the creature of the state. A city has no constitutional status with respect to the powers reserved to the states under the Tenth Amendment, other than as a creature of the state established for local government administrative purposes. Nevertheless, under the Wisconsin Constitution, cities and villages do have significant authority with respect to matters that are of solely local import, which, however, the COVID-19 public health emergency is not.

b. Enforcement of emergency orders issued by the state.

There are three applicable penalty provisions for violating emergency orders. First, if the governor or a state agency issues an emergency order under the authority of Wis. Stat. § 323.12 (4), any person who violates the order is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$200—a civil rather than criminal violation.¹⁶

Second, any person who violates an emergency order issued by DHS under Wis. Stat. § 252.02 (3) or (6), such as EO12,, the shelter-in-place order, is subject to imprisonment for not more than 30 days or a fine of not more than \$500, or both—a criminal misdemeanor.¹⁷

Finally, if any DHS emergency order requires the isolation of a patient or quarantine of contacts under Wis. Stat. § 252.06, any person who violates the order is subject to imprisonment for not more than 9 months or a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both—also a criminal misdemeanor.¹⁸

III. The emergency powers of local units of government and local health officials in a public health emergency.

a. Local units of government.

In addition to the powers provided by statute to the governor and DHS during a public health emergency, the statutes confer certain emergency powers on local units of government.¹⁹ With respect to an emergency declared by the governor under Wis. Stat. § 323.10, local units of government “may employ personnel, facilities, and other resources . . . to cope with the problems that resulted in the governor declaring the emergency.”²⁰

Additionally, the governing body of a local unit of government may itself declare, by ordinance or resolution, an emergency existing within the borders of the local unit of government “by reason of a riot or civil commotion, a disaster, or an imminent threat of a disaster, that impairs transportation, food or fuel supplies, medical care, fire, health or police protection, or other critical systems of the local unit of government.”²¹ The duration of the emergency declaration must “be limited by the ordinance or resolution to the time during which the emergency conditions exist or are likely to exist.”²²

If a local unit of government declares an emergency under Wis. Stat. § 323.11, the statutes confer “the general authority to order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the local

¹⁶ Wis. Stat. § 323.28.

¹⁷ Wis. Stat. § 252.25.

¹⁸ Wis. Stat. § 252.06 (4) (b) 2. With respect to the COVID-19 outbreak, we do not believe that any emergency order issued by DHS to date requires the isolation of a patient or quarantine of contacts.

¹⁹ For purposes of emergency management under Wis. Stat. ch. 323, “local unit of government” means a “county, city, village, or town.” Wis. Stat. § 323.02 (15).

²⁰ Wis. Stat. § 323.14 (3) (b).

²¹ Wis. Stat. § 323.11.

²² Id.

Like DHS at the state level, local health officers have certain statutory powers related to stemming an outbreak or epidemic.²⁶ Specifically, local health officers are required to “take all measures necessary to prevent, suppress and control communicable diseases” and “may do what is reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of disease,” including “forbid[ding] public gatherings when deemed necessary to control outbreaks or epidemics.”²⁷

A local health officer may also, on behalf of DHS, require isolation of a patient and quarantine of contacts, among other things.²⁸ The local health officer must “employ as many persons as are necessary to execute his or her orders and properly guard any place if quarantine or other restrictions on communicable disease are violated or intent to violate is manifested.” Such persons are sworn in as “quarantine guards,” “have police powers, and may use all necessary means to enforce the state laws for the prevention and control of communicable diseases, or the orders and rules of [DHS] or any local health officer.”²⁹

The penalties for violating emergency orders of local health officers appear to be those misdemeanors applicable for violating emergency orders issued by DHS unless an ordinance or resolution of the local unit of government establishes a different penalty.³⁰

IV. Conclusion.

Dealing with public health emergencies is the traditional province of the state under the police powers reserved to the states under the Tenth Amendment. The emergency powers of the Wisconsin governor, DHS, and local governments consist in those powers delegated by statute. The governor has broad powers in a public health emergency to issue such orders as he or she deems necessary for the security of persons and property. Independent of the governor, DHS has broad authority to ban public gatherings and institute emergency measures necessary to control communicable diseases. Finally, independent of both the governor and DHS, local governments themselves may declare a state of emergency regardless of whether there is a concurrent declaration of the governor that covers the jurisdiction of the local government. Although broad, all of the emergency powers of the governor, DHS, and local governments are subject to certain statutory limitations, such as limited duration, and must be exercised in a way that satisfies constitutional requirements with respect to fundamental rights.

I hope this information is helpful. Please let me know if the LRB can provide any additional assistance.

²⁶ The statutes provide for the establishment of local health departments at various levels, depending on the size and nature of the local unit of government. See the definition of “local health department” under Wis. Stat. § 250.01 (4). A “local health officer” is the health officer in charge of a local health department. Wis. Stat. § 250.01 (5).

²⁷ Wis. Stat. § 252.03 (1) and (2).

²⁸ Wis. Stat. § 252.06 (1).

²⁹ Wis. Stat. § 252.06 (5).

³⁰ See Wis. Stat. § 252.25 (“Any person who willfully violates or obstructs the execution of any state statute or rule, county, city or village ordinance or departmental order under this chapter and relating to the public health, for which no other penalty is prescribed, shall be imprisoned for not more than 30 days or fined not more than \$500 or both.”); Wis. Stat. § 252.06 (4) (b) 2. (providing that violation of a quarantine contact order deemed necessary by a local health officer subjects a person to a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 9 months, or both).

Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Soper, John; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: FW: Landscaping Services under "Safer at Home" Emergency Order

Here's how WEDC's legal counsel has weighed in on how landscaping services are treated under the shelter in place order, at least for now. I'll let you know if we catch wind of any additional clarifications or changes.

Thanks,

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From: Justin Phillips <justin.phillips@wedc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Landscaping Services under "Safer at Home" Emergency Order

Mark,

Here is info that WEDC's legal has provided me – some of it has been piecemeal as we get additional information from companies in the industry.

Some of the services these companies provide- such as pesticide application and forestry and arborists - are covered under "critical trades" in section 13.n. of the order. The order under Section 10 considers construction, including home construction, to be "Essential Infrastructure," but please also know that it goes on to say that "optional or aesthetic construction should be avoided." The pieces of the business that are construction are able to continue

Unfortunately, landscaping and lawn care do not fall under "critical trades" in this order and there is not any category in the order that would classify a landscaping or lawn care business as an "Essential Business or Operation".

That being said, all businesses are authorized to conduct "Minimum Basic Operations" under Section 14, which include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations: (a) the minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, preserve the condition of the business's physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions, including where these functions are outsourced to other entities and (b) the minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

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Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Soper, John
Cc: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: RE: Final Check - Press Release

Here are my on-the-fly edits, highlighted in yellow. Most of them are suggestions. I didn't find anything problematic from a grammatical or structural standpoint.

In response to Governor Evers' press conference this afternoon, Senator Stroebel issued the following statement:

These are unusual times for Wisconsin and everyone understands extraordinary measures are necessary to limit the spread of COVID-19. I know these measures can change when conditions on the ground change, and all Wisconsinites appreciate the hard work of the medical professionals and countless essential services personnel for their efforts toward this end. Wisconsinites are looking for leadership. It is important Governor Evers considers the full ramifications of what appears to effectively be a shelter-in-place order.

I am concerned about the pending shelter-in-place order Governor Evers will issue pursuant to his emergency declaration and its effects on Wisconsin. Over the past week I have witnessed Wisconsinites responsibly limit their personal activities, comply with precautionary measures, and alter business practices to provide maximum prevention while allowing some semblance of our society as we know it to continue. These actions have given me greater trust in Wisconsinites to responsibly make decisions. The bottom line is, how will the Governor's new edicts ultimately impact the spread of COVID-19?

This new order is a reversal of the Governor's own statements just a few days ago. Such reversals without explanation is not leadership. I hope the new order is well-vetted and complete. Defining "essential" services is a critical portion of any shelter-in-place order. Today's press conference did not clear up ambiguities regarding the initial announcement. I worry there may be a repeat of questions and subsequent clarifications as occurred last week. Before Governor Evers issues his shelter-in-place order, I encourage him to consider all the costs to businesses and Wisconsin families before ordering implementation of measures unprecedented in living memory.

From: Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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To: Stroebel, Duey <Duey.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Final Check - Press Release

In response to Governor Evers's press conference Senator Stroebel issued the following statement:

These are unusual times for Wisconsin and everyone understands extraordinary measures are necessary to limit the spread of COVID-19. I know these measures can change when conditions on the ground change, and all Wisconsinites appreciate the hard work of the medical profession and countless essential services personnel for their efforts toward this end. Wisconsinites are looking for leadership. It is important Governor Evers considers the full ramifications of what appears to effectively be a shelter-in-place order.

I am concerned about the pending shelter-in-place order Governor Evers will issue pursuant to his emergency declaration and its effects on Wisconsin. Over the past week I have witnessed Wisconsinites responsibly limit their personal activities, observe prevention measures and alter business practices to provide maximum prevention while allowing some semblance of our society as we know it to continue. These actions have given me greater trust in Wisconsinites to responsibly make decisions. The bottom line is, how will the Governor's new edicts ultimately impact the spread of COVID-19?

This new order is a reversal of the Governor's own statements just a few days ago. Such reversals without explanation is not leadership. I hope the new order is well-vetted and complete. Defining essential services is a critical portion of any shelter-in-place order. Today's press conference did not clear up ambiguities regarding the initial announcement. I worry there may be a repeat of questions and subsequent clarifications as occurred last week. Before Governor Evers issues his shelter-in-place order, I encourage him to consider all the costs to businesses and Wisconsin families before ordering implementation of measures unprecedented in living memory.

Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Michigan

Exceptions in Section/Paragraph 7:
https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIEOG/2020/03/23/file_attachments/1408152/EO%202020-21%20Stay%20Home,%20Stay%20Safe.pdf

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Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:15 PM
To: 'Duey Stroebel'
Subject: RE: Essential Services Not Yet Defined – Contact Your Legislator TODAY!

We're starting to get similar form letters. Everyone vying for their own special exemption before the language of the forthcoming order becomes solidified.

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From: Duey Stroebel <DStroebel@terrace-realty.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Essential Services Not Yet Defined – Contact Your Legislator TODAY!

The lobbying begins.

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From: Laura Stroebel <lstroebel@wi.rr.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 23, 2020 at 12:37 PM
Subject: Fwd: Essential Services Not Yet Defined – Contact Your Legislator TODAY!
To: Duey Stroebel <dstroebel@terrace-realty.com>

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From: WICPA <membership@wicpa.org>
Date: Mon, Mar 23, 2020 at 12:36 PM
Subject: Essential Services Not Yet Defined – Contact Your Legislator TODAY!
To: Laura Stroebel <lstroebel@wi.rr.com>



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Governor Evers announced this morning that he will be issuing an order on Tuesday closing non-essential Wisconsin businesses and urging people to stay at home to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The details of the order have not yet been released and essential services are in process of being defined. We have communicated with the Governor's office and leadership of the legislature over the last week urging the inclusion of accounting and tax services as an essential service if a shelter-in-place order was issued.

The WICPA is continuing to work closely on this concern with the Governor, the legislature, the Department of Revenue and has also contacted the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

We urge you to contact the Governor's office TODAY at govinfo@wisconsin.gov and your [state legislators](#) **via email** to include accounting and tax services as an essential service.

We will continue to keep you updated as we receive more information.

Stay safe and healthy,

Tammy Hofstede
President & CEO

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Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: FW: Early Voting Information

From: Town of Saukville - Clerk <clerk@town.saukville.wi.us>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:01 PM
To: 'Curt Rutkowski' <curtrutkowski@yahoo.com>; Town of Saukville - Curt Rutkowski <curtrutkowski@town.saukville.wi.us>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Early Voting Information

Good Afternoon,
Like everyone else, we are strongly encouraging absentee voting by mail to protect our poll workers. Like the other municipalities, a mailed absentee ballot can be requested through myvote.wi.gov or residents can email me at clerk@town.saukville.wi.us with a copy of their photo ID. I cannot issue a ballot without a photo ID. In person absentee voting hours are as follows:
Tuesday 8:30am-1:00pm and 4:00pm-7:00pm
Wednesday 9:00am-1:00pm
Thursday 3:00pm-6:00pm
Friday 3:00-5:00pm
Saturday March 28 8:00am-12:00pm
These are my hours through April 3rd.
Residents can also call my office at 262-675-9217 and ask for an appointment and I will work to accommodate those requests as well.

Thank you,

Raquel L. Engelke

Town Clerk of Saukville
Phone: (262) 675-9217
Email: Clerk@town.saukville.wi.us

Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Fuller, Lucas; Soper, John
Subject: RE: Proposed E-Update Text
Attachments: 03.20.20 E-Update Text (Mark's Revisions).docx

Good work, Luke. Most of my revisions are simple grammar. The only other change was clarifying the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot online, which I believe is April 2.

Thanks,

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From: Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Proposed E-Update Text

Hi Guys,

I put together another E-Update this morning that I plan to suggest to Duey later today. Do you guys want to take a look?

I attached it in a word document since I think using track changes might be the easiest way to make edits remotely.

Let me know what you think.

Luke

Luke Fuller
Clerk, Senate Committee on Government Operations, Technology and Consumer Protection
Office of Sen. Duey Stroebel
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Early Voting

As we all minimize our contact with other people in the coming weeks, I encourage my constituents to take advantage of early voting opportunities in your community. Regardless of where you live, you have the option to request an absentee ballot online prior to April 2.

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Many communities also have in-person absentee voting hours, but those vary widely among different communities and are subject to change. I've included a list of municipalities that are currently open for early voting below, but I encourage you to call ahead to ensure there have not been any schedule changes in the last few days. Early voting ends on Friday, April 3 unless otherwise noted.

Communities that are already open for early voting:

- Village of Cascade: At the Village Hall (301 First Street, Cascade, WI 53011) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11AM-2PM until Thursday, April 2.
- Town of Cedarburg: At the Town Hall (1293 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg, WI 53012) from 8AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.
- Town of Fredonia: At the Town Hall (242 Fredonia Ave., Fredonia WI 53021) from 3PM-5PM Monday-Friday.
- Village of Newburg: At Village Hall (620 West Main Street, Newburg, WI 53060) from 9:30AM-4:30PM on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays until Thursday, April 2.
- Village of New Holstein: At Village Hall (2110 Washington Street, New Holstein, WI 53061) from 8AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.
- Town of Port Washington: At the Town Hall (3715 Highland Drive, Port Washington, WI 53074) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9AM-4PM until Wednesday, April 1.
- City of West Bend: At City Hall (1115 South Main Street, West Bend, WI 53095) 8AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.

Communities that have early voting starting Monday, March 23:

- Village of Belgium: At the Village Hall (104 Peter Thein Avenue, Belgium, WI 53004) from 8AM-5PM Monday-Friday.
- City of Cedarburg: At the City Hall (W63 N645 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg, WI 53012) at the below times and dates:
 - Monday, 03/23: 8AM-Noon
 - Tuesday, 03/24: 8AM-Noon
 - Thursday, 03/26: Noon-4PM
 - Tuesday, 03/31: 8AM-Noon
 - Thursday, 04/02: 3PM-5PM
 - Friday, 04/03: 3PM-5PM
- Village of Fredonia: At the Village Hall (242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI 53021) from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.
- Town of Grafton: At the Town Hall (1230 11th Avenue Grafton, WI 53024) from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday-Thursday and 8:30AM-Noon on Fridays.

Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 4:57 PM
To: Soper, John
Subject: RE: Dunn Co Golf Courses

Thanks for passing it along, John.

Very interesting interpretation and application of the "Safer at Home" order.

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From: Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Dunn Co Golf Courses

For what it is worth

From: Duerkop, Nathan
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 3:24 PM
To: Kelly, Scott; Mugnaini, Jason; Gibbs, Adam; Ponio, Jerry; Lakin, Tim; Romportl, Dan; Rettinger, Nik; Koenen, Kyle; Lonergan, Sandy; Prange, Katy; Summerfield, Craig; Mikalsen, Mike; Zantow, Jenna; Fiocchi, Tim; Henkel, Matt; Soper, John; Emerson, James; Esser, Jennifer
Subject: Dunn Co Golf Courses

Per my bosses comments just now in caucus, attached is a copy of the letter sent out by Dunn Co authorities allowing golf courses to stay open as long as they follow social distancing, etc.. Thanks,

Nathan
Bernier Office

Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 3:28 PM
To: 'Annette Cruz'
Cc: Soper, John
Subject: RE: Long-Term Care Associations (LeadingAge Wisconsin & WHCA/WICAL) meeting request

2:00 PM works for John (if it's still open).

I'll update our calendar accordingly.

Thanks,

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From: Annette Cruz <acruz@leadingagewi.org>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Long-Term Care Associations (LeadingAge Wisconsin & WHCA/WICAL) meeting request

Ok, apparently a call with Rohrkaste has been scheduled for 1:00 on Monday, so 2:00 pm on Apr 6th?

From: Annette Cruz
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Long-Term Care Associations (LeadingAge Wisconsin & WHCA/WICAL) meeting request

How does 1:00 pm on Monday, Apr 6 sound?
(I promise to get it right this time 😊)

Annette

From: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Annette Cruz <acruz@leadingagewi.org>
Subject: RE: Long-Term Care Associations (LeadingAge Wisconsin & WHCA/WICAL) meeting request

Literally anything after 11:00 AM. I know all of our schedules are a bit fluid at this point, but I'll let you know if that changes.

The only reason I sent the follow-up message is because I thought I may have given you the false impression that 11:00 AM was the only time that worked for Soper on Monday.

Soper is fine sticking with 11:00 AM on Thursday if that ends up being the case.

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From: Annette Cruz <acruz@leadingagewi.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:23 PM

To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: RE: Long-Term Care Associations (LeadingAge Wisconsin & WHCA/WICAL) meeting request

I should have read your last message before I hit send, so I did solicit from the group some additional Monday times other than 11:00. Let's see what I get back and we can either update the invite with a new Monday time or keep the 9th. What other time on Monday would work for John?

From: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:20 PM

To: Annette Cruz <acruz@leadingagewi.org>

Subject: RE: Long-Term Care Associations (LeadingAge Wisconsin & WHCA/WICAL) meeting request

Annette,

Disregard my last email. Let's just settle on 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 9.

Thanks again,

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From: Radcliffe, Mark

Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:15 PM

To: 'Annette Cruz' <acruz@leadingagewi.org>

Subject: RE: Long-Term Care Associations (LeadingAge Wisconsin & WHCA/WICAL) meeting request

Annette,

Does any other time after 11:00 AM on Monday work?

Just thinking Mr. Sauer and Mr. Vander Meer might want to speak sooner rather than later.

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From: Annette Cruz <acruz@leadingagewi.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:13 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Long-Term Care Associations (LeadingAge Wisconsin & WHCA/WICAL) meeting request

Hi – really sorry, but WHCA CEO has a conflict on Monday at 11:00. Do you mind if I resend the invitation for Thursday, the 9th at 11:00?

From: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Annette Cruz <acruz@leadingagewi.org>
Subject: RE: Long-Term Care Associations (LeadingAge Wisconsin & WHCA/WICAL) meeting request

Perfect. I'll keep an eye out for it.

Thanks, Annette!

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From: Annette Cruz <acruz@leadingagewi.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:57 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Long-Term Care Associations (LeadingAge Wisconsin & WHCA/WICAL) meeting request

Yes, 11:00 a.m next Monday, Apr 6 works great. I will follow-up with a calendar invite with call-in instructions shortly.

From: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:46 PM
To: Annette Cruz <acruz@leadingagewi.org>
Subject: RE: Long-Term Care Associations (LeadingAge Wisconsin & WHCA/WICAL) meeting request

Annette,

Does 11:00 AM on Monday, April 6 or Thursday, April 9 work? Soper indicated that any time after 11:00 AM would like work as well on either of those dates as well (for the time being).

Just let me know.

Thanks,

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From: Annette Cruz <acruz@leadingagewi.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Long-Term Care Associations (LeadingAge Wisconsin & WHCA/WICAL) meeting request

Sounds good. Thanks for letting me know!

From: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Annette Cruz <acruz@leadingagewi.org>
Subject: RE: Long-Term Care Associations (LeadingAge Wisconsin & WHCA/WICAL) meeting request

Hi Annette,

We're in the process of determining which days each of us will be in the office next week. Soper would prefer to schedule the meeting for one of the days he is in the office. I will get back to you once we have that figured out. Should be at some point this afternoon.

Thanks,

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From: Annette Cruz <acruz@leadingagewi.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Long-Term Care Associations (LeadingAge Wisconsin & WHCA/WICAL) meeting request

Hi Mark –

Thank you for your quick response. I know that John Sauer has a conflicting meeting at 1:00 today, so perhaps we could schedule a call with John Soper tomorrow or early next week?

Thanks,
Annette

From: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:18 AM
To: Annette Cruz <acruz@leadingagewi.org>
Subject: RE: Long-Term Care Associations (LeadingAge Wisconsin & WHCA/WiCAL) meeting request

Hi Annette,

Our Chief of Staff John Soper would be willing to jump on a call around 1:00 PM today, if that works. Otherwise, I'd be happy to see if we can make a date next week work with his calendar.

Thank you,

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From: Annette Cruz <acruz@leadingagewi.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Long-Term Care Associations (LeadingAge Wisconsin & WHCA/WiCAL) meeting request

Dear Senator Stroebel,

Good afternoon. On behalf of Wisconsin's skilled nursing and assisted living providers, our associations sent the below email to legislators on Friday, March 20. As the crisis grows in Wisconsin, long-term care providers are on the front lines of efforts to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 into facilities who serve Wisconsin's frail elderly, who are most susceptible to adverse health reactions to this disease, including death.

LeadingAge Wisconsin and WHCA/WiCAL **request a phone call meeting between the leaders of our respective associations and you and/or your staff.** Please reply to this email with your availability for a phone call. Due to the urgency of this matter, we hope to schedule a call this week or next. Our goal is to secure funding for the long-term care provider community necessary to address rapidly escalating staffing and PPE expenses required to meet the needs of older adults who depend on us for care. Please see our [one-pager](#) on the significant costs that nursing homes and assisted living facilities will incur as a result of the pandemic response in their facilities over the coming months.

Thank you for your many efforts in battling this pandemic, and we look forward to scheduling a phone call meeting with you and/or your staff in the near future.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss our request, please do not hesitate to contact:

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JOHN VANDER MEER
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Wisconsin Center for Assisted Living
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COVID-19 LTC FUNDING REQUEST

March 20, 2020

To: Members, Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly

On behalf of Wisconsin's nursing homes and assisted living facilities, the Wisconsin Health Care Association/Wisconsin Center for Assisted Living (WHCA/WiCAL) and LeadingAge Wisconsin want to communicate the significant concerns we have for care providers on the frontlines dealing with the public health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our request document, provided **HERE**, provides an overview of the significant costs that nursing homes and assisted living facilities will incur as a result of the pandemic response in their facilities over the coming months. As noted, the COVID-19 has and will greatly increase facilities' cost related to enhanced infection control screening practices, increased costs for supplies including Personal Protective Equipment, and significant increased staffing costs. We ask that the funding made available by recently passed federal COVID-19 response legislation be utilized to provide relief to long-term care facilities in Wisconsin.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss our request, please do not hesitate to contact us,

Respectfully,

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Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Soper, John
Subject: FW: WALA Legislative Request - COVID-19
Attachments: WALA Gov Evers Letter 03312020.pdf

This is a supplement to the info that accompanied the phone call request from LeadingAge/WHCA.

WALA usually works in tandem with LeadingAge and WHCA on these issues.

From: Mike Pochowski <mpochowski@ewala.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Chris.Lawrence@legis.wisconsin.gov
Subject: WALA Legislative Request - COVID-19

Dear Senator Stroebel,

I hope you and your family are doing well and staying healthy.

I wanted to let you know we sent the attached letter to Governor Evers and we are also contacting members of the legislature such as yourself to ask for help too.

As I'm sure you're hearing from others, our main issues involving staffing, personal protective equipment (PPE), and regulatory flexibility.

While we understand the intent of the federal government providing increased/enhanced unemployment benefits, this actually causes a disincentive for people to find jobs now – particularly in our industry where our members may be caring for residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are only able to pay lower hourly wages. In addition, it is a barrier for retaining current staff.

Also, we are having a significantly difficult time obtaining PPE – masks, gloves, etc. While this is a national problem, more help is needed. We understand the state of Wisconsin is receiving shipments of PPE from the national strategic stockpile (FEMA) but none of that PPE is being designated for assisted living facilities. This is very concerning as our assisted living facility members have very low supplies to none at all.

Finally, regulatory flexibility would be very helpful to allow us to quickly have new staff provide care and services to the residents. The Department of Health Services is working with the Governor's office on this and we hope to have additional information about this soon.

If you have any questions for me, please let me know.

Be well and take care!

Thanks!

Mike

Michael S. Pochowski, MPPA

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March 31, 2020

Governor Tony Evers
115-East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

RE: Assisted Living Providers and COVID-19

Dear Governor Evers,

The Wisconsin Assisted Living Association (WALA) during this COVID-19 public health crisis has been in communication with and surveying our 1,500 members that provide services to Wisconsin's elderly and individuals with disabilities. Licensed assisted living facilities are comprised of Community-Based Residential Facilities (CBRFs), Residential Care Apartment Complexes (RCACs), and Adult Family Homes (AFHs).

Putting it bluntly, our members are already **reporting severe staffing shortages and insufficient funding** to provide wages at a level to attract caregivers and staff during the COVID-19 crisis -- regardless of whether a facility census is comprised of Medicaid \Family Care and/or private pay.

Further, while there is a potentially large temporarily displaced workforce from which to recruit, leaders in the assisted living sector believe it will be exceptionally difficult to compete with the new unemployment benefits proposed by the federal government. Our membership believes they will need to pay its workers \$20 - \$30/hour more than what they are currently paying to recruit and retain employees to work at these assisted living facilities. On average, our members that provide services to the frail elderly population typically pay caregivers approximately \$13-\$15/hour whereas those that serve individuals with cognitive/behavioral disabilities pay approximately \$9.50 - \$12/hour (these providers are nearly 100% reliant on the Family Care program).

Exacerbating the caregiver shortage, some counties are implementing orders inconsistent and more restrictive than state and federal guidance. Some local orders explicitly state that long-term care employees are restricted to work in only one facility (not multiple). This means that providers may lose existing caregivers who work at multiple facilities because they are effectively prohibited from contracting with staffing agencies during a facility caregiver shortage to cover shifts.

we are unable to obtain tuberculosis testing for staff as hospitals and clinics are unable to complete these tests at this time. In addition, many assisted living facilities facing staffing shortages, additional workloads, and higher staff turnover due to COVID-19. We are requesting a waiver or timeline extensions of rules for required staff training be allowed to acknowledge the situation providers are facing and allow them to focus efforts on providing care and services to their residents as quickly as possible.

Our membership greatly appreciates your leadership during this unprecedented public health crisis and we thank you for everything you are doing. If there is anything we can do to help support you, please let us know. Please feel free to contact me at mpochowski@ewala.org or (414) 803-7415.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Pochowski

Michael S. Pochowski
CEO

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ARGENTUM

STATE PARTNER

Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Soper, John
Subject: FW: Landscaping Services under "Safer at Home" Emergency Order
Attachments: Essential Business Inquiry-Landscaping Updated.docx

FYI.

Also, the Evers administration updated their FAQ document on the shelter-in-place order accordingly:
https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/English_SaferatHomeFAQ.pdf

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From: Justin Phillips <justin.phillips@wedc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Landscaping Services under "Safer at Home" Emergency Order

Good Morning Mark,

Second, under the latest US Department of Homeland Security CISA regulations, landscaping services were deemed essential, I have attached a letter we are sharing with landscapers that have reached out to WEDC via the essential business page (wedc.org/essentialbusiness) as they were initially labeled 'non-essential'.

Justin

—
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From: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:17 AM

To: Justin Phillips <justin.phillips@wedc.org>
Subject: RE: Landscaping Services under "Safer at Home" Emergency Order

Hi Justin,

We received the following message from the owner of a landscaping company in Sen. Stroebel's district yesterday evening:

"We are following the Governor's Safer at Home order and we are not working in the field. The leadership of our Landscape Contractors Association is telling us that they received a phone call from WEDC and DATCP saying that Landscape Contractors can go back to work as long as they follow the CDC/Presidents and OSHA's guidelines."

This does not appear to align with the most recent guidance document issued by the Governor's office, but I wanted to follow up with you to see if there was any truth to constituent's claim.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you might be able to provide.

Best,

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From: Justin Phillips <justin.phillips@wedc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Landscaping Services under "Safer at Home" Emergency Order

Mark,

Here is info that WEDC's legal has provided me – some of it has been piecemeal as we get additional information from companies in the industry.

Some of the services these companies provide- such as pesticide application and forestry and arborists - are covered under "critical trades" in section 13.n. of the order. The order under Section 10 considers construction, including home construction, to be "Essential Infrastructure," but please also know that it goes on to say that "optional or aesthetic construction should be avoided." The pieces of the business that are construction are able to continue

Unfortunately, landscaping and lawn care do not fall under "critical trades" in this order and there is not any category in the order that would classify a landscaping or lawn care business as an "Essential Business or Operation".

That being said, all businesses are authorized to conduct "Minimum Basic Operations" under Section 14, which include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations: (a) the minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, preserve the condition of the business's physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions, including where these functions are outsourced to other entities and (b) the minimum

necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

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From: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Justin Phillips <justin.phillips@wedc.org>
Subject: RE: Landscaping Services under "Safer at Home" Emergency Order

Thank you, Justin. I appreciate your prompt reply during this very busy time.

Thank you for your willingness to keep us in the loop once a determination is made.

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From: Justin Phillips <justin.phillips@wedc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:44 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Landscaping Services under "Safer at Home" Emergency Order

Hi Mark,

Landscaping is an industry that we're trying to get some clarity on and unfortunately we don't have a solid answer at the moment. I fielded more inquiries on the landscaping industry than any other today so we recognize the urgency and importance. I will let you know as soon as I hear something.

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From: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:30:00 PM

To: Justin Phillips <justin.phillips@wedc.org>

Subject: Landscaping Services under "Safer at Home" Emergency Order

Hi Justin,

I'm sure you're getting flooded with inquiries right now, but does WEDC have a timeline on when a determination for landscaping services could be expected with regard to whether or not the industry falls under the "Essential Businesses and Operations" in Emergency Order 12?

We had a constituent who owns a landscaping company who reached out to our office to pose the question after he was not given a definitive answer by WEDC or DATCP earlier this afternoon.

Thank you in advance for any insight you may be able to provide.

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Thank you for contacting the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to seek clarification on whether your business qualifies as an Essential Business under Governor Evers' "Safer at Home" Order.

Your inquiry came to us from a form on the Essential Business Declaration page on our website.

In accordance with Section 13.a. of the Governor's Order and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) memorandum issued on March 28, 2020, landscapers are considered an Essential Business or Operation, so long as the service is necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, businesses and buildings.

If your landscaping business is not necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences, businesses, and buildings, you are still authorized to continue Minimum Basic Operations under Section 14 of the Order. Minimum Basic Operations include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements while carrying out such operations:

- The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, preserve the condition of the business's physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions, including where these functions are outsourced to other entities and
- The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

Minimum Basic Operations does NOT include serving customers in person. Minimum Basic Operations may include one person in a room or confined space, including a car or truck, fulfilling nonessential deliveries, mailing parcels, or receiving parcels. Delivery and parcel services cannot require a signature by the recipient. Other services or activities requiring more than one person may only continue via phone or virtually.

For the latest information on programs and resources available to Wisconsin businesses facing operational challenges resulting from COVID-19 pandemic, we invite you to visit our COVID-19 Business Resources page.

Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:09 AM
To: Soper, John
Subject: Rick Champagne on State of Emergency Declaration & DHS Emergency Orders

Hi John,

Did you happen to see this excerpt from Rick Champagne in yesterday's WisPolitics PM update (I added the bracketed information)?:

-- The Legislature has the power to overturn a gov's state of emergency declaration.

But the DHS secretary has independent authority to order restrictions on businesses and public gatherings that would require a change in law to nix, according to the head of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Director Rick Champagne said the authority for the orders that Gov. Tony Evers and DHS Secretary Andrea Palm have issued is laid out in different statutes.

The one governing Evers' authority [s. 323.10, Stats.] gives him the ability to issue an emergency order lasting up to 60 days. The gov can cut that short by rescinding the order. The Legislature also has the power to overturn it through a joint resolution. Lawmakers also can extend the order by a joint resolution.

The Legislature has no similar oversight of the orders Palm has issued.

"Her power [s. 252.02(2) & s. 252.02(6), Stats.] is independent of the governor's," he said.

Champagne noted Palm's orders have referenced the emergency order that Evers issued. Even if that order were overturned, he said, at most she would have to re-issue her previous orders such as those closing schools and the stay-at-home directive banning non-essential travel and services.

Likewise, local governments have their own power to issue emergency declarations that would require a change in state law to overturn, he said.

During today's conference call, Fitzgerald and Vos said they're not considering a joint resolution to cut short the gov's 60-day order. They are, though, open to looking at legislation to give lawmakers more oversight if there are future calls.

I thought it was interesting to get LRB's take on the matter.

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Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Hafenbreadl, Evan
Subject: RE: Nat'l Guard Info

Thanks, Evan!

Seems logical to me. I appreciate you shedding some light on the ongoing activities within the Guard.

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From: Hafenbreadl, Evan <Evan.Hafenbreadl@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Cosh, Bill <Bill.Cosh@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Nat'l Guard Info

John,

Bill told me you had some questions about Guard Readiness right now. I wanted to let you know that guard members are getting calls asking for volunteers in the case that the gov asks us to do something. We're being asked to be ready for a call to state duty. From what I've seen in other states, if the guard is called, it'll probably be mostly medical staff to either help doctors, or set up hospitals.

If I had to speculate, I doubt many old ladies will be looking to volunteer as poll workers. With enough warning, you could ask the guard to help as poll workers for the April election, so long as the gov isn't worried about the optics.

Thanks,

Evan Hafenbreadl

Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: WHA Dashboard

<https://www.wha.org/COVID19Update>

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Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: FW: Funding relief for long-term care providers

Here's Lynn's latest email, for context.

From: OLSON, LYNN <LOLSON@cedarcommunity.org>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:07 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Gundrum <Rep.Gundrum@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Funding relief for long-term care providers

Dear Sen. Stroebel and Rep. Gundrum,

As a long-term care provider in your legislative district, I write at the most challenging time that we have ever experienced as long-term care professionals. The health crisis of COVID-19 threatens the health and safety of our frail elderly residents unlike anything we have seen before. Quite frankly, our elderly residents are most susceptible to severe health risks from COVID-19, including death. Providers are relentlessly and tirelessly fighting to protect our vulnerable residents from exposure to this deadly virus.

We need your help.

Residents are scared and anxious, and necessary nationwide visitation restrictions to prevent the spread of the disease means residents are currently unable to spend face-to-face time with or hug their loved ones. Along with the health care we provide our residents, we also are here to remind them that they are not alone. We as providers, our dedicated caregivers and support staff, are serving their health care needs, and we're also serving as their support system. But our resources are being drained by the additional necessary precautions we must take to keep our residents and staff safe from COVID-19. I am writing you today with the greatest sense of urgency to express my concern that without financial help from the State, some providers may not have the resources to continue serving our residents with the care and support they need and deserve.

Between our independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing locations we are trying to protect over 800 vulnerable adults from contracting the coronavirus. We are doing this as an integral part of our mission, but also at great individual and organizational cost.

You have seen the headlines in the media about the significant workforce challenges facing long-term care and the critical shortages in personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary to protect residents and their caregivers. There are enormous costs associated with ensuring we have the necessary staff and the additional PPE supplies needed to combat COVID-19 in our facilities.

Right now, we as providers should be fully focused on providing quality care and stopping the spread of COVID-19 in our facilities. But due to escalating funding challenges caused by this crisis, we are also having to focus on how to keep our lights on and have caregiver shifts filled. Please remember,

long-term care facilities like ours have been dealing with this pandemic without a break for *weeks* now. If long-term care providers don't get financial relief soon, we are concerned that we could see some facilities forced to shut down right at the apex of the crisis in the coming weeks due to a lack of cash flow and staff. Wisconsin has already seen 40 nursing facilities close since 2016.

Facility closures now would be devastating to residents, to staff, to communities, and to entire health systems. **Our local Washington County nursing home has announced it is suspending admissions until further notice.**

While we are grateful for the funding increase provided in the most recent State Budget for long-term care, please know that due to the extraordinary circumstances providers find themselves in due to COVID-19, if legislative efforts are not made to support providers soon, this pandemic could be devastating for long-term care facilities, staff, and the residents we serve.

Please ensure Wisconsin's skilled nursing and assisted living facilities have the resources they need to care for their residents in the COVID-19 surge that is expected in the coming days and weeks in Wisconsin. We request your support for a legislative relief package that helps address the increased costs long-term care facilities are currently and will continue to incur in the face of the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Lynn W. Olson



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From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: FW: Volunteering to be a poll worker at Tuesday's election

Duey,

Here's how Mike Miller of West Bend (the head of Mid-Moraine) weighed in on tomorrow's election. I wanted to pass it along since he's a former local elected official who you interact with fairly often.

It seems his message is primarily directed toward Fitz and Vos (per the instructions of the Journal Sentinel Editorial staff), but he cc'd you and Brooks to the email.

For what it's worth, Vos has been fairly vocal about the fact that he is volunteering as a poll worker at two locations in his district tomorrow. I don't know what Fitz's plans are.

From: Mike Miller <miller_mike1947@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Gundrum, Rick <Rick.Gundrum@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Volunteering to be a poll worker at Tuesday's election

Senator Fitzgerald and Representative Vos,

I was an elected official for 36 years, 8 as alderperson, 18 as mayor (City of West Bend) and 10 as a county supervisor (Washington County). In all of that time I never ask one of the people that I worked with to do something that would add additional danger to their lives. Yet you are proposing to hold an election that will put the lives of every poll worker at risk.

I can believe the argument that these poll workers will be paid for the services that they provide. How about their families? When these workers return home after election day, how many will bring the virus home with them?

Every medical person that I have seen quoted in the newspaper and on TV state that the only way to slow down this virus is to stay home.

One thing that surprised me in the articles in the news is that neither of you have stated that you will be poll workers in Tuesday's election. If you are willing to put other people's lives at risk, I would think that you would join the poll workers and also put your lives at risk.

Please rethink your position on this deadly issue!!

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Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:55 PM
To: 'Duey Stroebel'
Subject: RE: 2 ballots

Probably a question best directed toward her clerk. I know there are certain circumstances where the clerk will mail a replacement ballot with the original ballot. For example, if the clerk receives an unsealed ballot from a voter, they will send a replacement ballot. But there should be a letter from the clerk explaining why you are receiving a second ballot.

I don't know what all the facts were surrounding this woman's ballot issue, but that's just kind of what I know off the top of my head.

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From: Duey Stroebel <DStroebel@terrace-realty.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:50 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: 2 ballots

What do you make of this?
Thanks Duey

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From: Duey Stroebel <DStroebel@terrace-realty.com>
Date: Sun, Apr 5, 2020 at 9:49 PM
Subject: Re: 2 ballots
To: Robin Stroebel <rstroebel@intlogic.com>

Thanks. I will pass this on.
Duey

On Sun, Apr 5, 2020 at 9:14 PM Robin Stroebel <rstroebel@intlogic.com> wrote:

Due this woman in my neighborhood got TWO ballots!!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ConcernedRutlandCitizens/permalink/3881191145254745/>

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Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:33 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: FW: Info for Today's Call

FYI. An additional note from Kapenga's office for today's call with Palm.

He's provided a link to the IMHE model from the University of Washington, which has essentially been adopted as the main model for projecting COVID-19 caseloads and deaths for each individual state in the U.S.

Kapenga wanted to use this as a point of reference for part of today's call.

From: Koenen, Kyle <Kyle.Koenen@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:12 AM
To: *Legislative Senate Republicans - Senators <Legislative-Senate-Republicans-Senators@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Palm, Andrea J - DHS <andrea.palm@dhs.wisconsin.gov>; Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Info for Today's Call

Senators and Secretary-designee Palm,

I wanted to send this link out prior to the call today to have a common point of reference for our discussion. As all of us know, there are a plethora of sources out there for data, but this is the one that many of the large hospital systems are using for projecting case load, etc., so I thought it will be safe to guide us. If you have a few minutes it may be helpful to visit the site, select Wisconsin, and review the different numbers.

<http://covid19.healthdata.org/>

Looking forward to a productive discussion.

Chris

Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:49 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: Updated Staffing Assignments

Hi Duey,

Assuming we will still be operating the same conditions through April 24 (the final date of the "Safer at Home" order), here is the updated plan for staffing over the next three weeks. Since I plan on being in the office each day (unless I provide advance notice to the contrary), I am only listing the dates where John and Luke plan to be in the office. I plan to cover all of the Fridays by myself. This is subject to change as certain things arise (e.g., Luke's wife Michelle scheduling an ultrasound appointment, the scheduling of the virtual floor session), and there have already been days where all three of us have been in the office (such as today), but I at least wanted to provide you with the tentative plan:

- Monday, April 6 - John
- Tuesday, April 7 - Luke
- Wednesday, April 8 - Luke
- Thursday, April 9 - John

- Monday, April 13 - Luke
- Tuesday, April 14 - John
- Wednesday, April 15 - Luke
- Thursday, April 16 - John

- Monday, April 20 - Luke
- Tuesday, April 21 - John
- Wednesday, April 22 - Luke
- Thursday, April 23 - John

Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: FW: Child Care Question

Duey,

Here's my email thread with Leg. Council regarding the child care question and the temporary prohibition on evictions/foreclosures.

In terms of the child care question, these were the three general points that the Leg. Council attorney emphasized:

1. Depends on what lease says, but under Emergency Order 12 (the "Safer at Home" order), the constituent is providing an "essential" service (child care).
2. In this situation though, the lease will be the controlling document. If the lease doesn't prohibit the activities (i.e., running a business from your home, engaging in an activity that could be construed as endangering public health/safety), she's fine.
3. If the lease does prohibit the activities in question (i.e., if there's language the landlord could hang their hat on), then there's still Emergency Order 15 that would prohibit an eviction in short term, but no guarantees it would protect her in the long-term.

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From: Otis, Amber <Amber.Otis@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Child Care Question

Mark,

I'm so sorry about that! I'm going to reset my modem – ugh.

From what I heard, you were correct in that the authority derives from various powers granted to the Governor and DHS under state law. [See, generally, ss. 252.02 and 323.12 (4), Stats.] For a summary of those powers, see this [Leg. Council information memo](#).

Also, for ease of reference, here are some of the items we discussed during our call:

- Emergency Order #5, Temporary Ban on Evictions and Foreclosures.
- LC Issue Brief, COVID-19 and Child Care in Wisconsin.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to reach out. I'm happy to help!

Thanks!



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From: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Otis, Amber <Amber.Otis@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Child Care Question

Amber,

I believe your internet connection may have cut out. No need to worry about the final question I posed. You answered the questions that I had inquired about.

The assistance is greatly appreciated, as always!

Thanks again for talking me through some of the legal considerations.

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From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Otis, Amber <Amber.Otis@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Child Care Question

Thank you for the reply, Amber!

Yes, I'll be in the office all day.

Thanks again,

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Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:07 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Child Care Question

Hi, Mark.

I got your email last night and have now had a chance to read it more closely. I need to dig in on some landlord/tenant provisions, as well as the executive orders, and then I'll be in touch. Should I call you at the capitol office number?



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From: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 4:56 PM

To: Otis, Amber <Amber.Otis@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Child Care Question

Hi Amber,

I was hoping you would be able to help me with a question that Sen. Stroebel passed along from a constituent he spoke with earlier today.

In short, the constituent provides child care for two to three children each day. She rents and resides in one of the two units in a duplex. The landlord of the duplex informed her today that she would be unable to continue offering child care in the residence because the landlord feared the activity was contributing to the spread of COVID-19. The constituent was a bit perplexed, as she did not believe the landlord has the discretion to make this determination. For context, the constituent indicated the duplex units are completely separated aside from a shared laundry facility in the basement, and she has been doing everything she can to comply with the requirements contained in the administration's emergency orders.

While the constituent understands the "Safer at Home" order (Emergency Order 12) and the emergency orders specific to child care (e.g., Emergency Order 6) addresses licensed and certified child care providers, she has not been required to obtain a license under state law, as she has been providing care for fewer than four children. The constituent was looking for more concrete guidance on whether or not she can continue to provide child care in her residence during the public health emergency. It was her understanding that she was complying with the parameters of the order(s) since she is performing an activity exclusively from her residence, limiting her non-essential travel, and complying with social distancing requirements to the greatest extent possible.

Any insight you might be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

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Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: FW: Guidelines for Free and Charitable Clinics

FYI.

From: Ruth Henkle <ruth.henkle@albrechtfreeclinic.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Guidelines

Mark,

Good Afternoon!

I spoke with Senator Stroebel and he asked me to forward this information to you to provide to him. All Free and Charitable Clinics are following this directive.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Thank you! Be safe!

Ruth Henkle
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From: Carl Meyers <cameyers93@hotmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 24, 2020 at 1:24 PM
Subject: Guidelines
To: Ruth Henkle <ruth.henkle@albrechtfreeclinic.org>

<https://www.wda.org/media-room/wisconsin-dentists-remain-available-for-emergency-and-urgent-care-four-signs-you-should-look-for-emergency-treatment>

<https://www.ada.org/en/publications/ada-news/2020-archive/march/ada-recommending-dentists-postpone-elective-procedures>

ADA recommending dentists postpone elective procedures

The ADA is recommending that dentists nationwide postpone elective procedures in response to the spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19, across the country.

www.ada.org

Sincerely,

Carl Meyers

Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: Gov. Evers Direct Quote on Potential "Shelter in Place" Order

Hi Duey,

Here's the timestamp and direct quote from Evers on the potential for a California-style, "shelter in place" emergency order. After listening to it again, he didn't completely shut the door to the option (as seen in his comment about "following the science"). That said, I didn't get the sense that such an action would be coming in a matter of hours.

18:24 – Patrick Marley from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel asking about the potential for a "shelter in place" order:

Evers: "I believe that we'll be able to avoid that. People in the state of Wisconsin are taking it seriously. We continue to encourage them to stay at home. But, I know other states are doing that. We will follow the science on that, and we don't anticipate doing that. We do believe that people are going to be moderating their behavior and will continue to do that."

On a different note, the Governor mentioned that there is no timeline for legislation right now, but nothing should be expected next week.

Thanks,

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Radcliffe, Mark

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 1:10 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: Craig's Letter to the Governor
Attachments: 3.17.20 - Sen. Dave Craig Letter to Gov. Evers on Emergency Order 5.pdf

Hi Duey,

Here is a link to Dave Craig's letter to the Governor that he issued on Tuesday: https://empowerwisconsin.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.17.2020_LttrToGovEversEmOrder5-1.pdf

I've attached a copy of it as well.

Thanks,

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DAVID CRAIG

STATE SENATOR

March 17, 2020

The Honorable Tony Evers
Governor
State of Wisconsin
2 East Main Street
Madison, WI 53703

RE: DHS EMERGENCY ORDER #5 - Prohibiting Mass Gatherings of 10 People or More

Dear Governor Evers,

The people of Wisconsin undoubtedly appreciate the efforts made by our government officials to take the COVID-19 pandemic seriously. As you are aware, today your administration ordered the prohibition of gatherings of 10 or more people in most places in Wisconsin through Department of Health Services EMERGENCY ORDER #5. The order issued under Wis. Stat. § 252.02(3) states, in part, that "This order may include, but is not limited to mass gatherings at: public or private schools, auditoriums, theaters... and places of worship and religious gatherings." Included in the order are exemptions for numerous institutions including gatherings of "public, private, and charter schools only for noninstructional purposes", "childcare locations", and "retail establishments".

Obviously, all of these exempted institutions provide important resources for Wisconsinites, as do places of worship. Article I, Section 18 of the State Constitution reads, "The right of every person to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of conscience shall never be infringed... nor shall any control of, or interference with, the rights of conscience be permitted...". As state government takes steps to protect the well-being of Wisconsinites, it is also important that state government not infringe upon fundamental rights of our citizenry, including the free exercise rights of individuals seeking to worship according to the dictates of their conscience. This includes many religions that worship sacramentally and in concert with others of their faith. The rigidity of this order makes it functionally impossible to exercise religious freedoms specifically protected under the State and U.S. Constitutions.

Given the rapidly escalating pace of governmental efforts to stem the tide of COVID-19, I am asking that, in order to preserve the free exercise rights of Wisconsinites, the administration consider options to provide: (1) a **narrowly-tailored** accommodation, as constitutionally required, be given when a place of worship can facilitate worship while providing for safe social distancing or (2) specific information as to why such an accommodation cannot be given.

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Along with providing for physical security, government must accommodate the free exercise of individuals to engage in congregational worship.

Thank you again for your efforts to address this crisis. I look forward to your prompt response to these concerns.

Sincerely,



David Craig
State Senator
28th Senate District

CC: Secretary-designee Andrea Palm

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:23 AM
To: 'Mark Reinhardt'
Subject: RE: Early voting

Mark,

Thank you for the message. In my office's outreach to the Town of Cedarburg Clerk's office yesterday, we were informed that the Town Hall would be open for early voting Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM until April 3.

You may have heard otherwise, but that's the most recent information we were provided. I would still encourage you to contact the Clerk's office ahead of time to ensure there have not been any scheduling changes.

Thank you,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Reinhardt <reiny@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 5:34 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Early voting

Duey, is there a reason why we can't absentee vote in person for the town of Cedarburg?

Thanks,

Mark Reinhardt

Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Tennes, Tammy - MUN
Subject: RE: Early Voting Information

Tammy,
Thank you for the follow up. We'll be sure to reference your posting if our office receives questions specific to Slinger.
Have a great weekend,
Duey

From: Tennes, Tammy - MUN <ttennies@vi.slinger.wi.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:04 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Early Voting Information

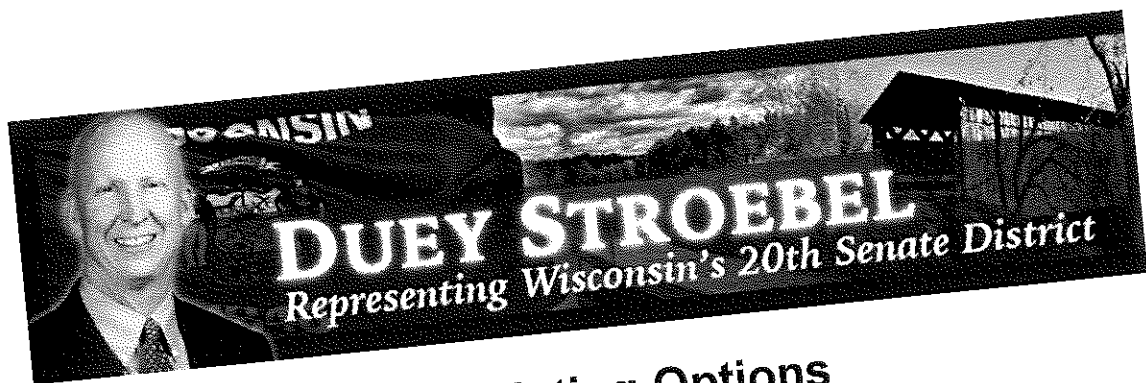
Slinger started in person early. Residents have been voting here all week. We did not have time to change our posting.

Tammy Tennes
Village Clerk/HR
300 Slinger Rd.
Slinger WI 53086
262-644-2636
www.vi.slinger.wi.gov



From: Senator Duey Stroebe [mailto:Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Tammy Tennes <ttennies@vi.slinger.wi.gov>
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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 4:53 PM
To: Langenfeld, Cassandra - MUN
Subject: RE: Early Voting Information

Casey,

My apologies. Please forgive me for the oversight.

Thank you for providing the information to my staff yesterday regarding the in-person absentee voting offerings in the City.

Have a great weekend,

Duey

From: Langenfeld, Cassandra - MUN <clangenfeld@wppienergy.org>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Early Voting Information

Hi We are the City of New Holstein not the Village of New Holstein.

Casey Langenfeld
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
City of New Holstein ~ 2110 Washington St ~ New Holstein, WI 53061, Calumet County
Population 3,178
920-898-5766 – Phone ~ 920-898-5879 – FAX

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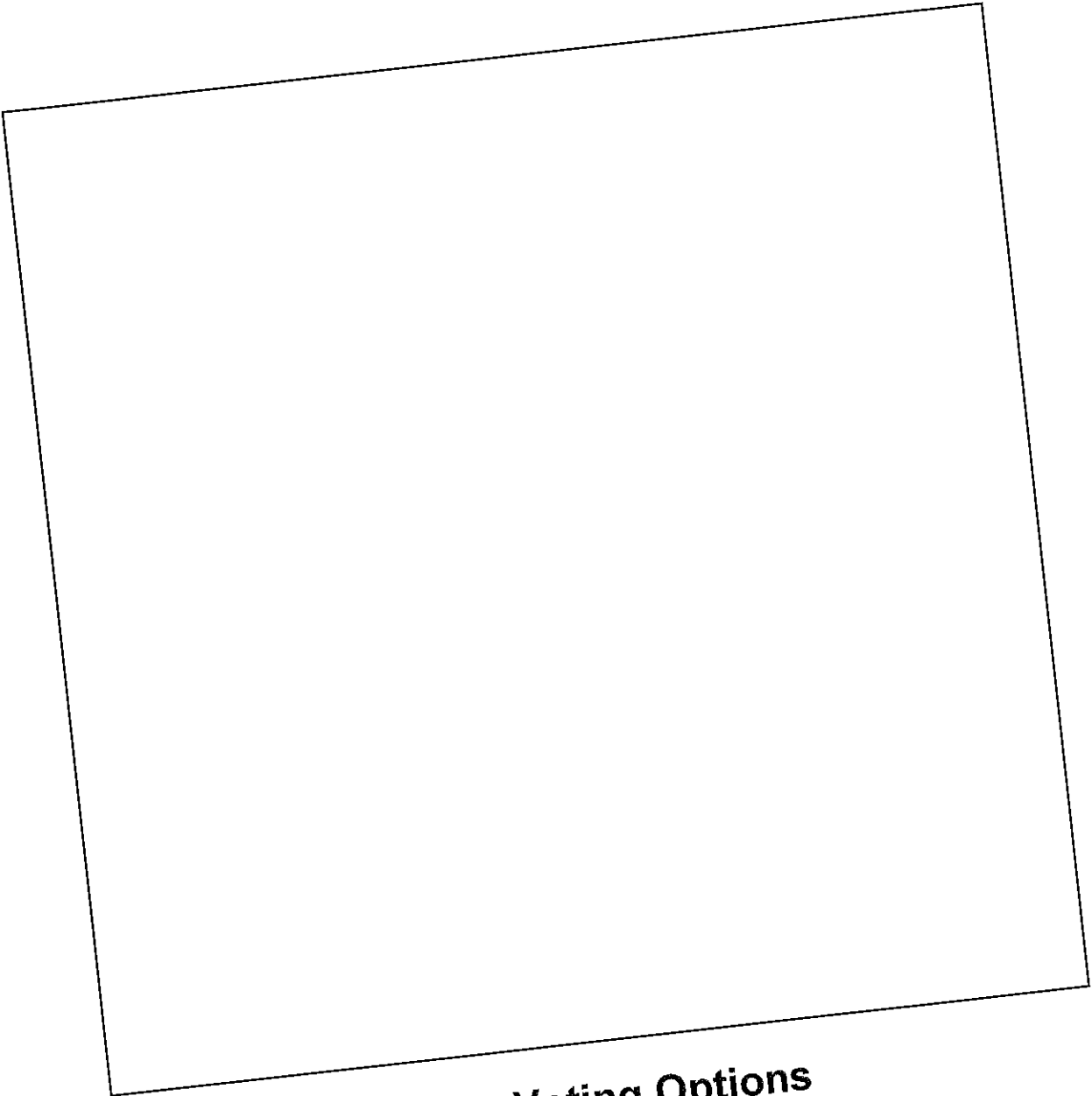
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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:00 PM
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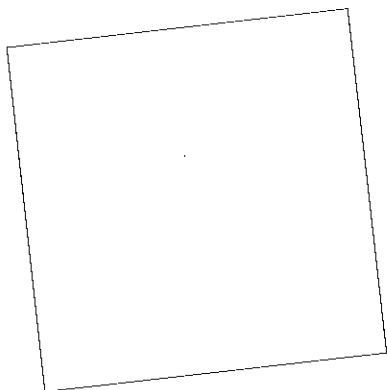
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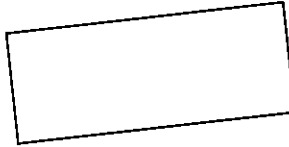


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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Tellier, Becky - MUN
Subject: RE: Early Voting Information

Becky,

Thank you for the follow up. We'll be sure to include Campbellsport's in-person absentee voting offerings in any of our office's future postings relating to the April 7 election.

It will be helpful for our office to be able to reference this information. Thank you again for providing it.

Have a great weekend,

Duey

From: Tellier, Becky - MUN <btellier@cportvill.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Early Voting Information

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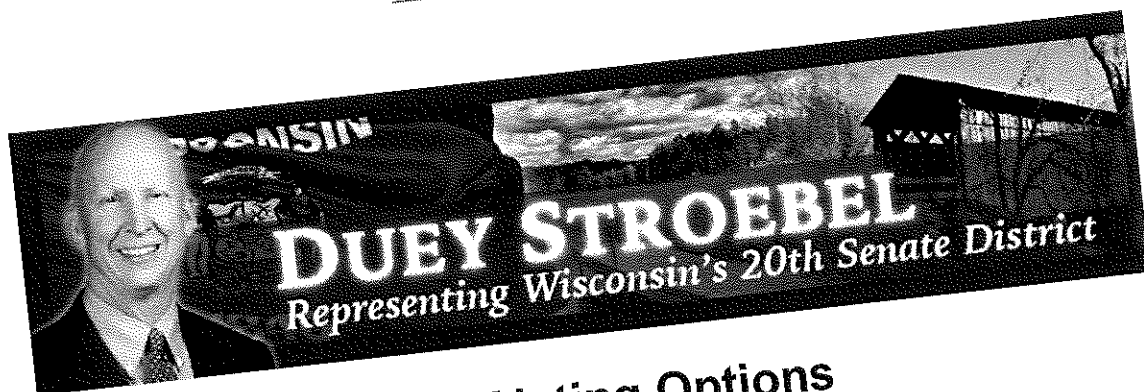
Thank you,

Becky Tellier – CMC, WCMC
Clerk-Treasurer
Village of Campbellsport
920-533-8321



From: Senator Duey Stroebel <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 5:24 PM
To: 'tsrinc68@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Early Voting Information

Tim,

Yes. If you are registered to vote, requests for a mailed absentee ballot can be made until April 2 through the following website: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: tsrinc68@gmail.com <tsrinc68@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Early Voting Information

Can we have them mailed to us?

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From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 5:24 PM
To: 'tsrinc68@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Early Voting Information

Tim,

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Have a great weekend,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: tsrinc68@gmail.com <tsrinc68@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Early Voting Information

Can we have them mailed to us?

Sent from my iPhone

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Sen.Stroebe

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Sen.Stroebe
Monday, March 23, 2020 8:36 AM
'jcdhartford@reagan.com'
RE: Early Voting Information

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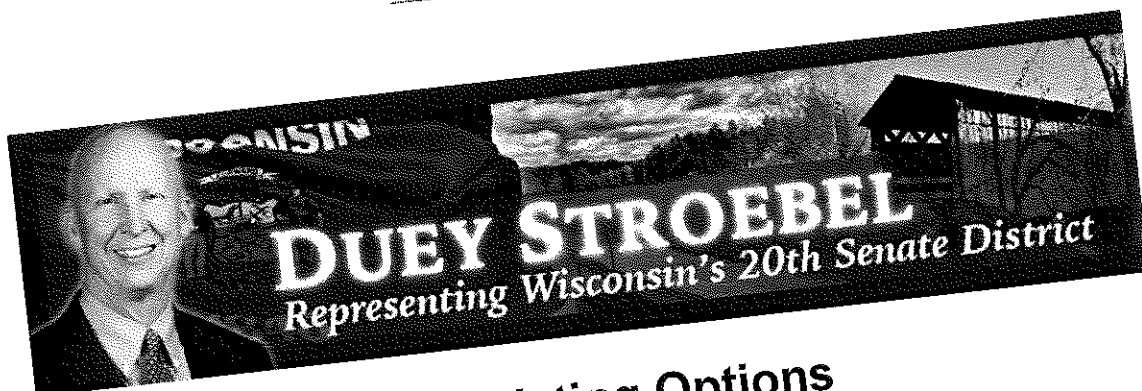
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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: jcdhartford@reagan.com <jcdhartford@reagan.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 8:27 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Early Voting Information

IT IS NOT the Village of Hartford. It is the CITY OF HARTFORD !
-----Original Message-----
From: "Senator Duey Stroebe" <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:59am
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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 8:42 AM
To: 'Denice Laack'
Subject: RE: Wisconsin taxes
Attachments: Tax Deadline Extended .pdf

Thank you, Denice.

I'm sure you've already been notified, but DOR announced over the weekend that the state tax filing deadline would be commensurately extended to July 15.

Kind regards,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Denice Laack <custombserv@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Wisconsin taxes

Thank you SO much! I hope that sane and rational minds will prevail in this. If tax clients don't bring their materials because federal returns are extended, Wisconsin surely can't expect them to get their state returns filed. But...I understand we just need to wait until decisions are made. I was hopeful.....

I will be working this weekend, trying to keep up. I work in my home so I'm not exposing others.

I hope that you and your staff stay well. Best of luck with "politics" too! Thanks for doing what you do!

Denice Laack

On Fri, Mar 20, 2020 at 5:54 PM Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Denice,

Thanks for the message. As of this afternoon, my office was informed that DOR is actively exploring its options, and "coming close to that time" as to deciding whether or not the state tax filing deadline will also be extended. I'm sure we don't have a more concrete answer for you at this point in time. At the very least, it appears to be something the executive branch is strongly considering. I'll be actively monitoring any developments and doing my best to message them to my constituents in a timely manner.

Have a great weekend,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Denice Laack <custombserv@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 5:45 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wisconsin taxes

Dear Senator Stroebe,

Thank you for the voting information. It is greatly appreciated.

Have you heard anything about Wisconsin extending the tax filing deadline? I am a tax preparer/accountant. I am happy to hear that IRS is extending, but it is almost a useless thing if Wisconsin doesn't follow the same plan.

I hope some guidance and information will be available soon.

Take care of yourself, and your family. Hope all will be safe during this virus problem.

Denice Laack



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Peter W. Barca
Secretary of Revenue

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 21, 2020

CONTACT: Patty Mayers, Communications Director
(608) 266-2300 or DORCommunications@wisconsin.gov

Like the IRS, Wisconsin Extends Tax Filing Deadline to July 15

Both federal and Wisconsin income tax payment and return due dates are automatically extended to July 15, 2020. Wisconsin law will automatically extend time and waive interest and penalties for taxpayers due to a presidentially declared disaster.

Governor Tony Evers said, "this is just one more thing we can do for Wisconsinites during this challenging time. Our main goal is to assist our citizens in any way that we can."

- Tax filers do not have to file any extension forms to be eligible for this new due date.
- There is no limit on the amount of payment to be postponed, and there are no income exclusions.
- This applies to individuals, trusts, estates, partnerships, associations, companies or corporations.
- This relief is solely for income tax payments, estimated income tax payments and returns due April 15, 2020.
- There will be no interest or penalty for the period of April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020.
- Interest, penalties, and underpayment interest for failure to make quarterly estimated tax payments with respect to such postponed federal income tax filings and payments will begin to accrue on July 16, 2020.

"This is a time of great uncertainty for everyone. People are concerned and worried, and one thing they should not have to worry about right now is an April 15 tax deadline," said Department of Revenue Secretary Peter Barca.

"Roughly, half of all taxpayers in Wisconsin have already filed their tax returns, and most have received refunds, on average over \$700," noted Department of Revenue Secretary Peter Barca. "We are still processing returns and issuing refunds and other credits that Wisconsinites rely on such as the Homestead Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit."

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue notes that most services are found online at www.revenue.wi.gov

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For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 in the Wisconsin www.wisconsin.gov/covid19.



Sen.Stroebe

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Sen.Stroebe
Monday, March 23, 2020 9:01 AM
'Town of Saukville - Curt Rutkowski'
RE: Early Voting Information

Curt,

Our plan is to post an updated listing on social media at some point today. The initial listing in my email newsletter from Friday was limited to the municipalities and towns who had responded to my office's inquiries on Thursday about early voting offerings, so it's certainly not perfect.

Is the Town of Saukville offering in-person absentee voting by appointment, or are there specific hours where it's being offered?

Thank you,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Town of Saukville - Curt Rutkowski <curtrutkowski@town.saukville.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 7:01 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Early Voting Information

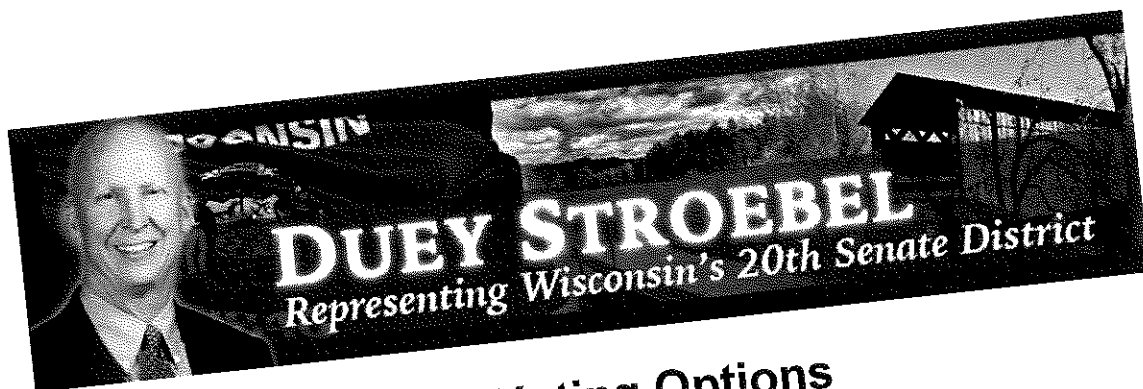
Hello Duey,
What would it take to include The Town of Saukville in these and future email notifications?
We are doing our best to promote early voting. Your endorsement would go along way.
Thanks,
Curt Rutkowski - Town of Saukville - Supervisor



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Subject: RE: Village of Hartford - Really?!!

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:42 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: dstroebe@terrace-realty.com
Subject: Village of Hartford - Really?!!
Importance: High

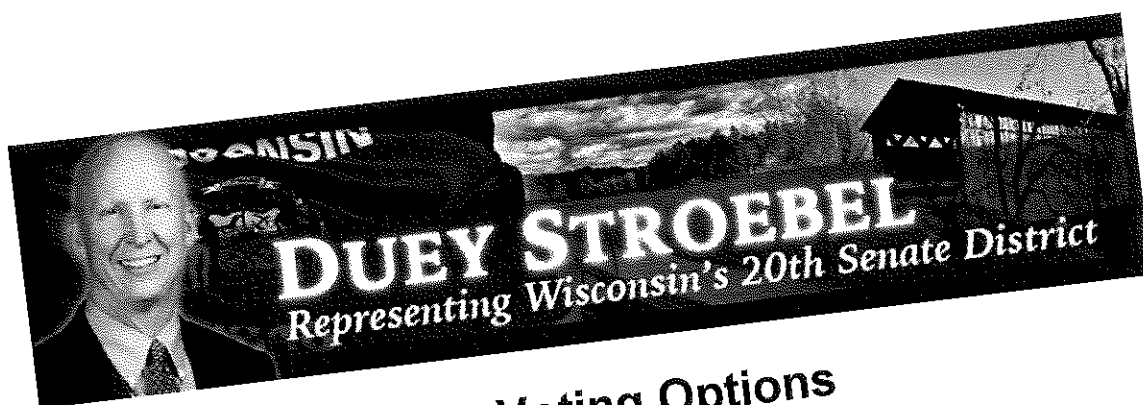
You guys are killin' me....

Duey, if you need a new staff member, I'm available.

Timothy C. Michalak
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(414) 208-9810 mobile
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As the demand for different state resources and programs grows, it is possible that response times may increase. I ask that you be patient and reach out to my office so we can monitor these issues and work with other parts of state government to deliver these services in as timely of a manner as possible.

As I mentioned in earlier messages, my office remains open and available to

assist you with state related matters. Please do not hesitate to contact my office by email or phone, (608) 266-7513, if we can be of assistance.

Stay well,

Duey Stroebel



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Sen.Stroebe

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Sen.Stroebe
Monday, March 23, 2020 10:41 AM
'Matt Boyce'
RE: Safer At Home Order

Matt,

Unfortunately, the only information we have to work from at this point in time is a tweet thread from the Governor. There will apparently be an announcement from his office this afternoon with more details. It's expected that most manufacturing activities will be allowed to continue (based on how similar "shelter in place" orders have been written in other states), but I believe the Evers administration owes it to Wisconsin's business community to flesh out "essential" and "non-essential" operations as soon as possible.

I'm sorry I can't provide you with a more concrete answer at this time.

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Matt Boyce <atira1997@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:07 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Safer At Home Order

Senator Stroebe,

I am an owner of an online office furniture retailer with 11 employees and we are seeing a small spike in Home Office Furnishings. Will we be exempt from the Safer At Home order as we are selling work from home furnishings?

We are offering work from home to our employees if they choose, but many would prefer to work from the office.

Matt Boyce
Everything2go.com, LLC

Sen.Stroebe

From:
Sent:
Subject:
Attachments:

Sen.Stroebe
Monday, March 23, 2020 4:12 PM
Statement on Governor Evers' Executive Order
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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 5:06 PM
To: 'Kassie Fox-Delaney'
Subject: RE: Safer At Home Restrictions - Outdoor Activities as Essential Businesses

Kassie,

While the Governor's office was still drafting the "Safer at Home" order at the time of his press conference earlier this afternoon, I have every reason to believe outdoor activities will be deemed "allowable" or "essential" travel under the order. This has at least been the case with governors in our neighboring states that have instituted similar orders (see Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana, for example).

Thanks for the message. The Governor's office indicated the language of the order would be made available tomorrow.

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Kassie Fox-Delaney <kassiefoxdelaney@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:26 PM
To: govinfo@wisconsin.gov; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Gundrum <Rep.Gundrum@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Safer At Home Restrictions - Outdoor Activities as Essential Businesses

Governor Evers, Senator Stroebel, & Rep Gundrum,

In these unprecedented times, please keep our outdoor activities open and available for your constituents to utilize. Park hiking trails, lakes, and boat launches should be considered essential for businesses to maintain some mental health and sanity during these events.

Outdoor activities can be conducted at safe social distances and should be allowed to stay open. I understand tough decisions you are making, and thank you for thinking of the community. I implore you to think of our mental and physical activity wellbeing as well.

Please do everything possible to maintain the outdoor options for us.

Thank you,
Kassie Fox-Delaney
West Bend, WI

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:38 AM
To: 'Joel Benz'
Subject: RE: Absentee Voting
Attachments: Secure Connection (myvote.wi.gov).png

Joel,

It's my understanding that the state's website for requesting an absentee ballot (<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>) experienced a brief service interruption yesterday, but it now appears to be back online. The website has a secure connection on the web browser I am using (Google Chrome – see the attached screenshot). The Wisconsin Elections Commission (the state agency responsible for administering the website) recommends individuals use an up-to-date version of Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox, or Apple's Safari as far as web browsers go.

The state website requires you to upload a photo of your driver's license (or another form of verifiable identification) to comply with the state's Voter ID law for the purposes of protecting the integrity of the election. I am not aware of any alternative website for requesting an absentee ballot. Thus, it is recommended that voters only use <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> for this purpose.

If you're still encountering issues, feel free to give my office a call and my staff would be happy to help walk you through it (608-266-7513).

Thanks,

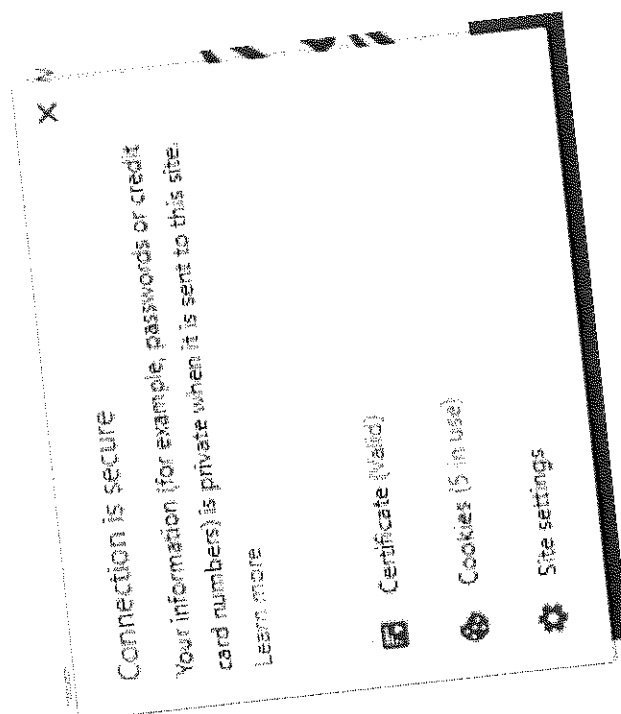
Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Joel Benz <jbenz553@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Absentee Voting

I'm concerned about the email you sent out with a link for Absentee Ballot. The site is requesting upload of driver's license, and it does not appear that it is a secured connection.

My wife used a different site to request absentee ballot, and driver's license was not requested.

Joel Benz



Sen.Stroebe

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:
Attachments:

Sen.Stroebe
Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:47 AM
'Ted Bruesch'
RE: Pest Control is an Essential Service in WI
EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

Ted,

Thanks for the message. The Governor's shelter-in-place order was released earlier this morning (see attached). Section 13 of the order outlines "Essential Businesses and Operations." Within that section, paragraph n. (covering "Critical trades") includes "exterminators" and "pesticide application."

Hopefully you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: Ted Bruesch <tedbruesch@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 7:49 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Pest Control is an Essential Service in WI

Dear Senator Stroebel,

Do you really want to risk having your food contaminated by rodents or cockroaches?

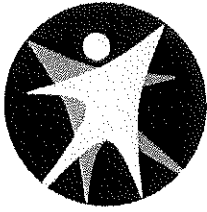
Do you really want to risk having your home invaded by bedbugs or rodents?

Do you really want to risk contracting hantavirus, lymphocytic choriomeningitis, salmonella or lyme disease?

Do you really want to put yourself and your constituents at these risks and many more by denying the pest control industry essential service status?

Sincerely,

Ted Bruesch
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West Bend, WI 53090
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State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services

Tony Evers, Governor
Andrea Palm, Secretary

**EMERGENCY ORDER #12
SAFER AT HOME ORDER**

WHEREAS, in December, 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus was detected, now named COVID-19, and it has spread throughout the world, including every state in the United States;

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency to direct all resources needed to respond to and contain COVID-19 in Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, Governor Evers designated the Department of Health Services as the lead agency to respond to the emergency and directed the Department to take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and respond to incidents of COVID-19 in Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump proclaimed a National Emergency concerning COVID-19;

WHEREAS, as of March 23, 2020, 332,930 people around the world have tested positive for COVID-19, including 33,404 in the United States and 416 in Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, as of March 23, 2020, within the past 72 hours, positive COVID-19 cases have risen in the United States from 15,219 to 33,404 (119% increase) and have risen in Wisconsin from 206 to 416 (102% increase). Five Wisconsinites have passed away as a result of COVID-19. Public health officials estimate that the actual number of Wisconsinites infected with COVID-19 is significantly higher and likely present in every county in the state;

WHEREAS, at the current growth in the number of people infected, the number of people needing medical care due to COVID-19 will significantly exceed the amount of available healthcare resources;

WHEREAS, the entire State of Wisconsin – including residents, businesses, community organizations, and government – need to take all possible actions to reduce further spread of COVID-19 to save lives;

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WHEREAS, social distancing – the practice of keeping at least six feet apart from others and avoiding direct physical contact – is the only effective means of slowing the rate of infection. Despite prior emergency orders banning mass gatherings, the rates of infection continue to drastically increase, necessitating additional measures to slow the rate of infection and save lives; and

WHEREAS, this is a critical moment in Wisconsin and we must all do our part to cease non-essential travel, business, and social interactions;

NOW THEREFORE, under the authority of Wis. Stat. § 252.02(3) and (6) and all powers vested in me through Executive Order #72, and at the direction of Governor Tony Evers, I, Andrea Palm, Secretary-designee of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, order the following:

1. **Stay at home or place of residence.** All individuals present within the State of Wisconsin are ordered to stay at home or at their place of residence, with exceptions outlined below. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces other than their home or residence, they must at all times as reasonably possible maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet from any other person consistent with Social Distancing Requirements as defined below, except that they do not need to maintain social distancing between family members in a single living unit or household members. All persons may leave their homes or residences only for the following functions as are defined in this Order:
 - a. **Essential Activities** (defined in section 11);
 - b. **Essential Governmental Functions** (defined in section 12);
 - c. To operate **Essential Businesses and Operations** (defined in section 13);
 - d. To perform non-essential **Minimum Basic Operations** (defined in section 14);
 - e. **Essential Travel** (defined in section 15); and
 - f. **Special Situations** (defined in section 8, 9, and 10).

Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from this Section, but are strongly urged to obtain shelter. Governmental and other entities are strongly urged to make such shelter available as soon as possible to the maximum extent practicable and to follow the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on COVID-19 risk mitigation practices.

Individuals whose homes or residences are unsafe or become unsafe, such as victims of domestic violence, are permitted and urged to leave

their home and stay at a safe alternative location. For purposes of this Order, homes or residences include hotels, motels, shared rental units, dormitories, shelters, and similar facilities.

2. **Non-essential business and operations must cease.** All for-profit and non-profit businesses with a facility in Wisconsin, except Essential Businesses and Operations as defined below, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within Wisconsin, except:

- a. Minimum Basic Operations, as defined below, and
- b. Any operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own home or residences (i.e., working from home).

All businesses, including Essential Businesses and Operations, shall, to the greatest extent possible, use technology to avoid meeting in person, including virtual meetings, teleconference, and remote work (i.e., work from home). Businesses may not engage in door-to-door solicitation, regardless of its purpose or status as an Essential Business or Operation.

All Essential Businesses and Operations are encouraged to remain open. To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Businesses and Operations shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Order; in doing so, Essential Businesses and Operations shall, to the greatest extent possible, ensure that both employees and members of the public are maintaining six-foot social distancing, including but not limited to when any customers are standing in line.

3. **Prohibited activities.** All public and private gatherings of any number of people that are not part of a single household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited purposes expressly permitted in this Order. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a single household or living unit. Landlords or rental property managers shall avoid entering leased residential premises unless emergency maintenance is required.

4. **Closures.** All of the following facilities shall be closed:

- a. **Public and private K-12 schools and public libraries.** Except for facilitating distance learning or virtual learning, public and private K-12 schools are closed for pupil instruction and extracurricular activities. Libraries shall close for all in-person services, but may continue to provide on-line services and programming. Schools and public libraries may be used for Essential Government Functions and food distribution. This

section does not apply to facilities operated by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections or the Department of Military Affairs including the Challenge Academy.

b. Places of public amusement and activity. Whether indoors or outdoors, including but not limited to amusement parks, carnivals, water parks, licensed public or private swimming pools, splash pads, aquariums, zoos, museums, arcades, fairs, children's play centers, playgrounds, funplexes, theme parks, bowling alleys, movie and other theaters, concert and music halls, country clubs, social clubs, and gyms and fitness centers.

c. Salons and spas. This includes, but is not limited to, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, day spas, electrolysis providers, waxing salons, eyebrow-care establishments, tattoo parlors, body art establishments, and tanning facilities.

5. Prohibited and permitted travel. All forms of travel are prohibited, except for Essential Travel as defined in this Order. Individuals riding on public transit must comply with Social Distancing Requirements to the greatest extent possible.

6. Follow DHS and CDC guidelines. When taking any action permitted under this Order, all individuals, organizations, government bodies, and any other permitted group of individuals shall, to the extent possible, follow DHS guidelines located here:
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>.

All Essential Businesses and Operations and all businesses performing Minimum Basic Operations shall comply with DHS guidelines for businesses located here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/employers.htm>.

7. Elderly people and those who are vulnerable as a result of underlying health conditions should take additional precautions. People at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are urged to stay in their home or residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care. Nothing in this Order prevents DHS and local health officials from issuing and enforcing isolation and quarantine orders pursuant to Wis. Stat. ch. 252 and local ordinances.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS

8. **Healthcare and Public Health Operations.** For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to work for or obtain services at any Healthcare and Public Health Operations.

Healthcare and Public Health Operations includes, but is not limited to: hospitals; medical facilities; clinics; ambulatory surgery centers for response to urgent health issues or related COVID-19 activities; manufacturers, technicians, logistics, and warehouse operators and distributors of medical equipment, personal protective equipment (PPE), medical gases, pharmaceuticals, blood and blood products, vaccines, testing materials, laboratory supplies, cleaning, sanitizing disinfecting or sterilization supplies, and tissue and paper towel products; dental offices; pharmacies; public health entities, including those that compile, model, analyze, and communicate public health information; pharmaceutical, pharmacy, medical device and equipment, and biotechnology companies (including operations, research and development, manufacture, and supply chain); healthcare information technology companies; organizations collecting blood, platelets, plasma, and other necessary materials; obstetricians, gynecologists, and midwife practices; eye care centers, including those that sell glasses and contact lenses; home health agencies and providers; mental health and substance abuse providers; detoxification and alcohol or drug treatment programs and facilities; syringe access programs, and naloxone distribution programs; other healthcare facilities and suppliers and providers of any related or any ancillary healthcare services; entities that transport and dispose of medical materials and remains; personal care agencies; hospices; allied health providers; acupuncturists; massage therapists; chiropractors; and adult family homes.

Specifically included in Healthcare and Public Health Operations are manufacturers, technicians, logistics, and warehouse operators and distributors of medical equipment, personal protective equipment (PPE), medical gases, pharmaceuticals, blood and blood products, vaccines, testing materials, laboratory supplies, cleaning, sanitizing disinfecting or sterilization supplies, and tissue and paper towel products.

Healthcare and Public Health Operations also includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals. Non-essential veterinary care should be avoided.

Cafeterias and food service in health care facilities may remain open for staff and authorized visitors only, subject to the following restrictions:

- a. Self-service operations of salad bars, beverages stations, and buffets are prohibited.

- b. Customers are prohibited from self-dispensing any unpackaged food or beverage.
- c. Customers and staff shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements, including in seating areas and lines.

Healthcare and Public Health Operations shall be broadly construed to avoid any impediments to the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. Healthcare and Public Health Operations does not include fitness and exercise gyms, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, day spas, electrolysis providers, tattoo parlors, body art establishments, tanning facilities, and similar facilities.

9. **Human Service Operations.** For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to work for or obtain services at any state, institutional, or community-based setting providing human services to the public.

Human Service Operations includes, but is not limited to: long-term care and assisted living facilities, as long as the facility follows all current DHS Recommendations for Prevention of COVID-19 in Long-Term Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities and all applicable U.S. Centers for Disease Control Recommendations; residential settings and shelters for adults, seniors, children, victims of domestic abuse, people with disabilities, people with substance use disorders, or mental illness; transitional facilities; home-based settings to provide services to individuals with physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities, seniors, adults, or children; adult day care, adult day services, and supportive home care; field offices that provide and help to determine eligibility for basic needs including food, cash assistance, medical coverage, vocational services, or rehabilitation services; developmental centers; adoption agencies; businesses that provide food, shelter, social services, or other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged individuals, individuals with physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities, or otherwise needy individuals.

Human Services Operations shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of human services, broadly defined.

10. **Essential Infrastructure.** For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to provide any services or perform any work necessary to offer, provide, operate, maintain, and repair Essential Infrastructure.

Essential Infrastructure includes, but is not limited to: food production, distribution, fulfillment centers, storage facilities, marinas, and sales; construction (including, but not limited to, construction required in

response to this public health emergency, hospital construction, construction of long-term care and assisted living facilities, public works construction, school construction, Essential Business and Operations construction, construction necessary for Essential Governmental Functions, and housing construction, except that optional or aesthetic construction should be avoided); building management and maintenance; airport operations; operation and maintenance of utilities, including water, sewer, gas, and electric (including power generation, distribution, production of raw materials, and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources-certified and registered drinking water and wastewater testing laboratories); Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and Public Benefits Energy Assistance Program offices, customer service centers, and public intake centers; distribution centers; oil and biofuel refining; roads, highways, railroads, and public transportation; ports; cybersecurity operations; flood control; solid waste and recycling collection and removal; and internet, video, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services).

Essential Infrastructure shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to essential infrastructure, broadly defined.

DEFINITIONS

11. Essential Activities. Individuals may leave their home or residence to perform any of the following:

- a. Health and safety.** To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members, including pets, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, obtaining medical supplies or medication, seeking emergency services, or visiting a health care or behavior health care professional. Individuals should rely on telehealth options whenever feasible.
- b. Necessary supplies and services.** To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation: canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, gasoline, propane, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.

- c. Outdoor activity.** To engage in outdoor activity, including visiting public and state parks, provided individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined below. Such activities include, by way of example and without limitation, walking, biking, hiking, or running. Individuals may not engage in team or contact sports such as by way of example and without limitation, basketball, ultimate frisbee, soccer, or football, as these activities do not comply with Social Distancing Requirements. Playgrounds are closed.
- d. Certain types of work.** To perform work at Essential Businesses or Operations or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations and obtaining supplies needed to work from home.
- e. Take care of others.** To care for a family member, friend, or pet in another household, and to transport family members, friends, or pets as allowed in this Order.

12. Essential Governmental Functions. Essential Governmental Functions means all services provided by the State, tribal, or local governments needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government body and provide and support the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Each government body shall determine its Essential Government Function, if any, and identify employees and contractors necessary to the performance of those functions.

For purposes of this Order, all paid or volunteer first responders including law enforcement, EMS, and firefighters; first responder training academies; building inspectors; emergency management personnel; emergency dispatchers; court personnel, jurors and grand jurors; corrections personnel; hazardous materials responders; child protection and child welfare personnel; housing and shelter personnel; National Guard and military; and others working for or to support Essential Businesses and Operations are categorically exempt from this Order.

This section does not limit the ability or authority of the Wisconsin Supreme Court to use its constitutional supervisory authority over lower courts to limit or adjust court functions in response to the Public Health Emergency. This section does not limit the ability or authority of the Wisconsin Legislature to meet or conduct business.

Government bodies should continue to follow the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Office of Open Government guidance regarding

holding government meetings, and should consult directly with that office regarding specific open meetings questions. The guidance is available here: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/news-releases/office-open-government-advisory-additional-information-regarding-covid-19-and-open>. Government bodies with additional questions about open meetings requirements should consult with the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Office of Open Government.

13. Essential Businesses and Operations. All entities described in this section shall meet Social Distancing Requirements between all individuals on the premises to the extent possible. Essential Businesses and Operations shall, to the greatest extent possible, use technology to avoid meeting in person, including virtual meetings, teleconference, and remote work (i.e., work from home). For the purposes of this Order, Essential Businesses and Operations means Healthcare and Public Health Operations, Human Services Operations, Essential Infrastructure, and Essential Governmental Functions, and the following:

- a. **CISA List.** Any business or worker identified in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), *Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response*, updated March 23, 2020, and any subsequent versions of this Memorandum.
- b. **Stores that sell groceries and medicine.** Grocery stores, bakeries, pharmacies, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks and food pantries, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of groceries, canned food, dry goods, frozen foods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, poultry, prepared food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). Such establishments shall:
 - i. Close all seating intended for consuming food.
 - ii. Cease any self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets.
 - iii. Except for grocery stores, prohibit customers from self-dispensing all unpackaged food.
 - iv. Abide by Social Distancing Requirements.

This section should not be interpreted to provide an exemption for businesses engaged in the sale of food or beverage ancillary

to its primary purpose, such as those businesses required to close under Section 4 who also may engage in some food or beverage sales.

c. Food and beverage production, transport, and agriculture.

Food and beverage manufacturing, production, processing, transportation, and cultivation; farming, livestock, fishing, baking, and other production agriculture, including cultivation, marketing, production, and distribution of animals and goods for consumption; businesses that provide food, shelter, and other necessities of life for animals, including animal shelters, boarding, rescues, kennels, and adopting facilities; farm and agriculture equipment, supplies, and repair services.

d. Restaurants. Restaurants shall close, except as follows:

- i. Restaurants may remain open for food take-out or delivery service only.
- ii. Alcohol sales must comply with section 13.e. below.
- iii. Customers may enter the above establishments only for the purpose of ordering, pick up, and paying for food or beverage or both.
- iv. No seating may be provided.
- v. Food and drink may not be consumed on premises, either indoors or outdoors.
- vi. Establishments shall meet Social Distancing Requirements between all individuals on the premises to the extent possible.
- vii. Cease any self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets.
- viii. Customers are prohibited from self-dispensing any unpackaged food or beverage.

e. Bars. This includes breweries, brewpubs, wineries, distilleries, and alcohol beverage retailers. Such establishments shall close, except as follows:

- i. Carryout sales of alcohol beverages and food are allowed, if permitted by state law and municipal ordinance.
- ii. Delivery of alcohol beverages to retail customers is prohibited.
- iii. Wineries holding direct wine shippers' permits may make deliveries of wine in accordance with their permit.

- iv. Customers may enter the above establishments only for the purpose of ordering, pick up, and paying for food or beverage or both.
- v. No seating may be provided.
- vi. Food and drink may not be consumed on premises, either indoors or outdoors.
- vii. Establishments shall meet Social Distancing Requirements between all individuals on the premises to the extent possible.
- viii. Self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets are prohibited.
- ix. Customers are prohibited from self-dispensing any unpackaged food or beverage.

f. Child care settings. Secretary-designee Andrea Palm's Emergency Order #6 remains in effect, with the following amendments:

- i. Child care settings shall prioritize care for families as follows:
 - 1. Tier 1: employees, contractors, and other support staff working in health care;
 - 2. Tier 2: employees, contractors, and other staff in vital areas including but not limited to military; long term care; residential care; pharmacies; child care; child welfare; government operations; public safety and critical infrastructure such as sanitation, transportation, utilities, telecommunications; grocery and food services; supply chain operations; and other sectors as determined by the Secretary of the Department of Children and Families.
- ii. Child care settings include all licensed and certified child care providers who may provide care for any age or ages of children up to 13 years of age, unless specially licensed for children with disabilities up to 19 years of age.

g. Organizations that provide charitable and social services. Businesses and religious and secular nonprofit organizations, including prevocational group supportive employment, food banks and food pantries, when providing food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, individuals who need assistance as a result of this public health emergency, and people with disabilities.

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- i. Funeral establishments.** Funeral establishments, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 445.01(6), except that any gathering shall include fewer than 10 people in a room or confined space at a time and individuals shall adhere to Social Distancing Requirements as much as possible.
- j. Media.** Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.
- k. Gas stations and businesses needed for transportation.** Gas stations; auto and motorcycle supply, repair and sales; boat supply, repair, and sales; and bicycle supply, repair, and sales.
- l. Financial institutions and services.** Banks, credit unions, and other depository or lending institutions; licensed financial service providers; insurance services; personnel necessary to perform essential functions at broker dealers and investment advisor offices.
- m. Hardware and supplies stores.** Hardware stores and businesses that sell electrical, plumbing, heating, and construction material.
- n. Critical trades.** Building and Construction Tradesmen and Tradeswomen, and other trades including but not limited to plumbers, electricians, carpenters, laborers, sheet metal, iron workers, masonry, pipe trades, fabricators, finishers, exterminators, pesticide application, cleaning and janitorial staff for commercial and governmental properties, security staff, operating engineers, HVAC, painting, moving and relocation services, forestry and arborists, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, and Essential Businesses and Operations.
- o. Mail, post, shipping, logistics, delivery, and pick-up services.** Post offices and other businesses that provide shipping and delivery services, and businesses that ship or

deliver groceries, food, beverages, goods or services to end users or through commercial channels.

- p. Laundry services.** Laundromats, dry cleaners, industrial laundry services, and laundry service providers.
- q. Supplies to work from home.** Businesses that sell, manufacture, or supply products needed for people to work from home.
- r. Supplies for Essential Businesses and Operations and Essential Governmental Functions.** Businesses that sell, manufacture, or supply other Essential Businesses and Operations and Essential Governmental Functions with the support or supplies necessary to operate, including computers; audio and video electronics; household appliances; IT and telecommunication equipment; hardware; paint; flat glass; electrical, plumbing, and heating materials; construction materials and equipment; sanitary equipment; personal hygiene products; food, food additives, ingredients, and components; medical and orthopedic equipment; firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers for purposes of safety and security; optics and photography equipment; diagnostic; food and beverages; chemicals; paper and paper products; soaps and detergents.
- s. Transportation.** Airlines, taxis, transportation network providers (such as Uber and Lyft), vehicle rental services, paratransit, and other private, public, and commercial transportation and logistics providers necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order.
- t. Home-based care and services.** Home-based care for seniors, adults, children, and/or people with disabilities, substance use disorders, and/or mental illness, including caregivers or nannies who may travel to the child's home to provide care, and other in-home services including meal delivery.
- u. Professional services.** Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, insurance services, real estate services (including appraisal, home inspection, and title services). These services shall, to the greatest extent possible, use technology to avoid meeting in person, including virtual meetings, teleconference, and remote work (i.e., work from home).

- v. Manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for critical products and industries.** Manufacturing companies, distributors, and supply chain companies producing and supplying essential products and services in and for industries such as pharmaceutical, technology, biotechnology, healthcare, chemicals and sanitation, waste pickup and disposal, agriculture, food and beverage, transportation, energy, steel and steel products, petroleum and fuel, mining, construction, national defense, communications, and products used by other Essential Governmental Functions and Essential Businesses and Operations.
- w. Critical labor union functions.** Essential activities include the administration of health and welfare funds and personnel checking on the well-being and safety of members providing services in Essential Business and Operations, provided the checks are done by telephone or remotely where possible.
- x. Hotels and motels.** Hotels and motels, except that such establishments shall:
- i. Comply with requirements of 12.b, 12.d. and 12.e.
 - ii. Close swimming pools, hot tubs, and exercise facilities.
 - iii. Prohibit guests from congregating in lobbies or other common areas, including providing adequate space to adhere to Social Distancing Requirements while queuing for front desk services.
- y. Higher educational institutions.** Higher educational institutions, for purposes of facilitating distance learning, performing critical research, or performing essential functions as determined by the institution.
- z. WEDC designated businesses.** In the exceptional circumstance that a business is not listed in this Order as an Essential Business or Operations but believes that it should be included in that designation, the business should consult the information page on the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) website, here: www.wedc.org/essentialbusiness. If a business still believes that it does not fall within the meaning of Essential Businesses and Operations, it may apply to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) using the provided form requesting designation as such.

14. Minimum Basic Operations. For the purposes of this Order, Minimum Basic Operations include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations:

- a. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, preserve the condition of the business's physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions, including where these functions are outsourced to other entities.
- b. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

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- b. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.
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- d. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction.
- e. Travel required by law enforcement or court order, including to transport children pursuant to a custody agreement.
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16. Social Distancing Requirements. For purposes of this Order, Social Distancing Requirements includes maintaining social distancing of six (6) feet between people; washing hands with soap and water for at least

20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer; covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands); regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces; not shaking hands; and following all other public health recommendations issued by DHS and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

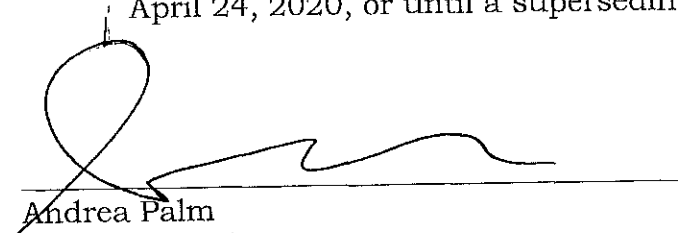
ENFORCEMENT

17. Enforcement. This Order is enforceable by any local law enforcement official, including county sheriffs. Violation or obstruction of this Order is punishable by up to 30 days imprisonment, or up to \$250 fine, or both. Wis. Stat. § 252.25.

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19. Supremacy. This Order supersedes any local order that is in conflict with this order.

20. Duration. This Order shall become effective at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 and will remain in effect until 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020, or until a superseding order is issued.



Andrea Palm
Secretary-designee
Department of Health Services
State of Wisconsin

03/24/2020
Date

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:51 AM
To: 'davejulie98@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Home Supply Retailers are Essential
Attachments: EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Dave Steger <Dave.Steger.294488375@p2a.co>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:16 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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From: Julie Steger <Julie.Steger.294249965@p2a.co>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:05 PM
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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:52 AM
To: 'jennyz@zuerns.com'
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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Jennifer Zuern <Jennifer.Zuern.293400246@p2a.co>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 10:14 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:52 AM
To: 'caitlin.stoll@drexelteam.com'
Subject: RE: Home Supply Retailers are Essential
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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Caitlin Stoll <Caitlin.Stoll.290827011@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 9:07 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:53 AM
To: 'julie.korth@drexelteam.com'
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From: Julie Korth <Julie.Korth.290770753@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 8:11 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:53 AM
To: 'davez@zuerns.com'
Subject: RE: Home Supply Retailers are Essential
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From: David Zuern <David.Zuern.290692237@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 6:26 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:54 AM
To: 'brendan.kons@zuerns.com'
Subject: RE: Home Supply Retailers are Essential
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From: Brendan Kons <Brendan.Kons.290652231@p2a.co>
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From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:54 AM
To: 'arleen@zuerns.com'
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From: ARLEEN MANTEL <ARLEEN.MANTEL.290494633@p2a.co>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:15 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Paul,

Thanks for the message. The Governor's shelter-in-place order was released earlier this morning (see attached). Section 13 of the order outlines "Essential Businesses and Operations." Within that section, paragraph m. (titled "Hardware and supplies stores") includes "hardware stores and businesses that sell electrical, plumbing, heating, and construction material."

Hopefully you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Paul Faust <Paul.Faust.289923386@p2a.co>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:00 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Home Supply Retailers are Essential

Dear Senator Stroebel,

As our local, state and federal governments proactively take steps to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the public, the topic of closure for non-essential retail establishments has begun across the country.

While I support all necessary steps to combat COVID-19, including the need to close some non-essential retail establishments, I am actively urging our public officials to consider locally owned building materials, home improvement and hardware stores among those retail operations classified as "essential" and allow these business owners the option to stay open as a public service.

We serve our communities by providing critical services to individuals, families and contractors. The building materials industry supplies the products and support needed to maintain the safety and security of homes, businesses and construction projects.

In addition, as governments look to build temporary medical centers to prepare for a widespread outbreak that is projected to overwhelm the health care system, our products and expertise will be essential to these projects.

Our locally owned businesses have played a critical role in our communities during past emergency situations, such as hurricanes, floods, snowstorms and fires. Many building materials retailers are the primary supplier of heat sources, such as wood pellets. Our customers depend on our doors being open for this and a variety of other needs. During a time of uncertainty and confusion, the building materials industry is a trusted and reliable partner that must be allowed to operate.

I strongly request that you classify independent building materials, home improvement and hardware retailers among those operations determined to be “essential” retail outlets that can remain open to support their communities during these difficult times.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and your efforts to manage this emergency on behalf of all our State’s residents. Our industry is here to help and support in whatever way possible.

Regards,
Paul Faust
510 Union St
Hartford, WI 53027

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:00 AM
To: 'Tom Zuern'
Subject: RE: Essential Business - Zuern Building Products
Attachments: EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

Tom,

The much anticipated order has finally been released (see attached – beginning on Page 9 of the PDF document). Section 13 of the order covers “Essential Businesses and Operations.” Within that section, there are several paragraphs that I believe cover your business’s operations in some capacity (for example, see paragraphs m., r., and v. under Section 13). Hopefully you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

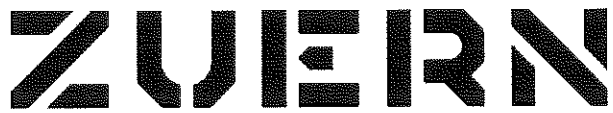
Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Tom Zuern <tom.zuern@zuerns.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Madden, Zach A - GOV <zach.madden@wisconsin.gov>; sen.fitzgerlad@legis.wisconsin.gov; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Born <Rep.Born@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Gundrum <Rep.Gundrum@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Jagler <Rep.Jagler@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Ramthun <Rep.Ramthun@legis.wisconsin.gov>; rep.skowronski@wisconsin.gov
Subject: Essential Business - Zuern Building Products

Good Morning Zach, Senators and Representatives,

Thank you for working hard on behalf of Wisconsinites to keep a healthy balance between keeping our citizens safe and allowing businesses to continue providing essential services to our customers. As an employer of 170 great people, I am asking for clarification on which businesses will be considered essential. Please consider Zuern Building Products an essential business. We provide building materials to both homeowners, remodelers and builders which include lumber, hardware, windows, doors, roofing shingles, siding, and cabinets. These materials are so vitally important to help the construction industry continue to provide housing and shelter to our citizens. We operate in five wonderful locations throughout the state: Allenton, Cedarburg, Franklin, Slinger and Watertown. We have taken the appropriate measures to keep our employees safe by allowing many of them in our offices to work remotely while practicing social distancing in our stores and yards. We have closed our showrooms to incoming customers selections, keeping only pickup and delivery of materials as our necessary/essential business. I am asking for you to consider lumber, hardware, building material supply/distribution as well as the construction industry open. Livelihoods of our employees, our trades people, and homeowners are at stake here.

Thanks for your concern and stay safe.



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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:11 AM
To: 'Stacy Stuck'
Subject: RE: Pest Control is an Essential Service in WI!
Attachments: EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

Stacy,

Thanks for the message. The Governor's shelter-in-place order was released earlier this morning (see attached). Section 13 of the order outlines "Essential Businesses and Operations." Within that section, paragraph n. (covering "Critical trades") includes "exterminators" and "pesticide application."

Hopefully you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

-----Original Message-----

From: Stacy Stuck <sstuckawc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Pest Control is an Essential Service in WI!

Dear Senator Stroebe,

The professional pest control industry is an essential service industry. We need continue servicing the nation's food production facilities, grocery stores, medical institutions, multifamily housing units, warehouses, homes and businesses. We cannot afford to have our medical facilities, groceries stores or homes uninhabitable due to pests and pest related diseases, particularly as we tell citizens to stay home. There is not a segment of the food industry that could comply with federal sanitation and health regulations without an adequate pest control program.

We hope that Wisconsin will designate pest control as an essential industry, just as the US Department of Homeland Security, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Nevada, Ohio, and Pennsylvania have done. Pest control is deemed as an essential/critical service by the Department of Homeland Security's "Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response." The memorandum lists pest control, as "exterminators." It reads: "Workers such as plumbers, electricians, EXTERMINATORS, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences."

As you consider next steps regarding emergency response and potential restrictions on business operations in Wisconsin, we respectfully REQUEST that the PEST CONTROL INDUSTRY be recognized as an ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY, providing a service that is indispensable in the effort to protect public health and our nation's food supply.

DHS Memorandum linked here: <https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CISA-Guidance-on-Essential-Critical-Infrastructure-Workers-1-20-508c.pdf>

Sincerely,

Stacy Stuck
1573 Cambridge Ct
Hubertus, WI 53033
sstuckawc@gmail.com

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:02 PM
Subject: Statement on Governor Evers' Executive Order

For Immediate Release

March 24, 2020

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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:09 PM
To: Gwyn Guenther (wheeler@thewheelerreport.com)
Subject: FW: Statement on Governor Evers' Executive Order
Attachments: 03.24.20 COVID-19 Press Release.docx

Here's one formatted better, forgot to attach it.

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Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:49 PM
To: Nick Dobberstein
Subject: RE: Update on New Executive Order

I put out a press release that was linked in the E-Update explaining my questions/concerns. Here it is below. My office would be happy to answer any follow up questions.

Press Release

Best,
Duey

From: Nick Dobberstein <nick.dobberstein@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Update on New Executive Order

Why have you been critical of the order?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2020, at 3:27 PM, Senator Duey Stroebel <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Friends,

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- You can still leave your home to purchase essential goods and to travel to work at essential businesses.
- Local law enforcement is still empowered to enforce all provisions of the order with up to 30 days of imprisonment.
- Schools will remain closed to everything but virtual learning.
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Do I work in an essential business?

- It appears all businesses covered in last week's exemptions remain.
- Generally, the following fields are all deemed essential: healthcare, human/social services, infrastructure, utilities, law enforcement/public protection, grocery stores, pharmacies, hardware stores, household goods stores, food and beverage production/transport, agriculture, restaurants and bars with restrictions, child care, non-profit charitable services organizations, religious facilities, building trades, supply chain, transportation, manufacturing and hotels with restrictions.
- The list of exempted industries and occupations is too long for me to list here. The above categories and others are broken out in greater detail as well. Please check the order first for specific questions.

This order is subject to change by the governor. He has emergency powers under his declaration until May 11th. My office remains open to provide any answers and guidance we can.

Stay well,

Doug Stroetzel



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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:56 AM
To: 'redbend3@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Emissions

Gail,

I think you raise a fair point. I would say you have an accurate read on the situation and the 90-day extension that was granted by DOT/DNR at the beginning of the week. I have spoken to a number of business owners in a variety of industries expressing their concerns about the impending backlog that will have to be addressed once the state of emergency is lifted. This same challenge will likely apply to a number of government service providers as well, such as the DMV. These same considerations were the impetus for the announcement earlier this week that the federal government would be extending the October 1 deadline for enforcement of REAL ID into 2021.

I will keep these considerations in mind as I continue to converse with my colleagues in the legislature about the road ahead.

Thank you for the message.

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact was submitted

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I would like a member of the senator's staff to call me at the number provided below.

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redbend3@gmail.com

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Gail A Bonlender

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1803 Sunset Ridge Dr

City, State Zip Code

West Bend

Phone

2623340614

Message Subject

Emissions

Message

I would like to offer my opinion on vehicle emissions testing for the next 6 months. Since we are in a "Safe at Home" state of emergency. I feel that the emissions testing should be waved for the next 6 months. I understand that there is a 3 month extension to complete the emissions testing, but when the current state of emergency is lifted there will be a major backlog to get vehicle tested and car licences renewed. If the emissions is waved and we are allowed to renew our car license now, there wouldn't be such a back up later on and the police wouldn't have to stop citizens with expired license plates because of the backlog.

If I am missing something please let me know.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Gail Bonlender, Wisconsin citizen.

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:04 PM
To: 'candymcchain@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: April 7th voting

Candy,

It's my understanding that absent a change to state law or a court order to the contrary, in-person voting will be offered on Election Day for the upcoming spring election on April 7. The Wisconsin Elections Commission and local clerks are actively exploring the accommodations that will be necessary to protect voters from the spread of the virus while still allowing them to vote at the polls on Election Day.

As with all things during these uncertain times, the details surrounding the April 7 election are rapidly evolving and worth keeping a close eye on as we get closer to Election Day.

Thank you,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

-----Original Message-----

From: candymcchain@gmail.com <candymcchain@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:48 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7th voting

Mr. Stroebe,

Please work to keep in person voting on April 7th. We need to be able to have our right to vote. I do not trust the Democrats with the absentee votes. We need to get Kelly on the Supreme Court! If not, our justice system in WI will be a shambles.

Thank you for your time!
Candy McChain
Random Lake, WI

Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:07 PM
To: 'Kelly Briskie'
Subject: RE: My vote counts!

Kelly,

It's my understanding that absent a change to state law or a court order to the contrary, in-person voting will be offered on Election Day for the upcoming spring election on April 7. The Wisconsin Elections Commission and local clerks are actively exploring the accommodations that will be necessary to protect voters from the spread of the virus while still allowing them to vote at the polls on Election Day.

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I support keeping the April 7 election date in place and preserving the option for citizens to cast their vote at the polls on Election Day.

Thank you,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

-----Original Message-----

From: Kelly Briskie <kabstar@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: My vote counts!

Dear Senator Stroebe,

I urge you to act and keep in person voting either on the set voting day set or a delayed day. My vote counts! Do not disenfranchise my vote.

Regards,
Kelly Briskie
Kewaskum
Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:33 PM
To: 'mtjsc1@aol.com'
Subject: RE: Early Voting Information
Attachments: 3.22.20 - WEC COVID-19 FAQ Memo.pdf

Mary,

Thanks for bringing this to my attention. You may want to follow up with Chris in light of some guidance from the Wisconsin Elections Commission that was issued on Monday (see attached). This is the relevant excerpt from the memo with regard to in-person absentee voting:

1. May a clerk decline to accommodate in-person absentee voting?

No. Under Wis. Stat. § 6.86(1)(b) and the federal court decision in *One Wisconsin Institute*, electors may request an absentee ballot in person at the municipal clerk's office or an alternate location until the Sunday before the election. While the statutes do not mandate specific times or a minimum number of hours where in-person absentee voting must take place, the clear intent is that electors have reasonable opportunities to exercise those rights and that clerks must offer in-person absentee voting.

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Hopefully you find this information to be helpful.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: mtjsc1@aol.com <mtjsc1@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Early Voting Information

Dear Senator Stroebe:

I called the Town of Farmington to request an appointment for my husband and I to vote early. Chris told me she is not taking appointments and we should vote-by-mail. In order to vote-by-mail you need the means to download a picture ID, which we are unable to do. Please confirm the town hall will be open April 7, 2020 to vote, or suggest another voting alternative.

-----Original Message-----

From: Senator Duey Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>

To: mtjsc1 <mtjsc1@aol.com>

Sent: Fri, Mar 20, 2020 12:04 pm

Subject: Early Voting Information

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Early Voting Options

As we all minimize our contact with other people in the coming weeks, I encourage my constituents to take advantage of early voting opportunities in your community. If you are already registered to vote, regardless of where you live, you have the option to request an absentee ballot online prior to April 2.

Many communities also have in-person absentee voting hours, but those vary widely among different communities and are subject to change. I've included a list of municipalities that are currently open for early voting below, but I encourage you to call ahead to ensure there have not been any schedule changes in the last few days. Early voting ends on Friday, April 3 unless otherwise noted.

Communities already open for early voting:

- **Village of Cascade:** At the Village Hall (301 First Street, Cascade, WI 53011) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11AM-2PM until Thursday, April 2.
- **Town of Cedarburg:** At the Town Hall (1293 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg, WI 53012) from 8AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.

- **Town of Fredonia:** At the Town Hall (242 Fredonia Ave., Fredonia WI 53021) from 3PM-5PM Monday-Friday.
- **Village of Newburg:** At Village Hall (620 West Main Street, Newburg, WI 53060) from 9:30AM-4:30PM on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays until Thursday, April 2.
- **Village of New Holstein:** At Village Hall (2110 Washington Street, New Holstein, WI 53061) from 8AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.
- **Town of Port Washington:** At the Town Hall (3715 Highland Drive, Port Washington, WI 53074) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9AM-4PM until Wednesday, April 1.
- **City of West Bend:** At City Hall (1115 South Main Street, West Bend, WI 53095) 8AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.

Communities with early voting starting Monday, March 23:

- **Village of Belgium:** At the Village Hall (104 Peter Thein Avenue, Belgium, WI 53004) from 8AM-5PM Monday-Friday.
- **City of Cedarburg:** At the City Hall (W63 N645 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg, WI 53012) at the below times and dates:
 - Monday, 03/23: 8AM-Noon
 - Tuesday, 03/24: 8AM-Noon
 - Thursday, 03/26: Noon-4PM
 - Tuesday, 03/31: 8AM-Noon
 - Thursday, 04/02: 3PM-5PM
 - Friday, 04/03: 3PM-5PM
- **Village of Fredonia:** At the Village Hall (242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI 53021) from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.
- **Town of Grafton:** At the Town Hall (1230 11th Avenue Grafton, WI 53024) from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday-Thursday and 8:30AM-Noon on Fridays.
- **Village of Hartford:** At the Village Hall (109 North Main Street, Hartford, WI 53027) Monday-Friday from 7:30AM-4:15PM.
- **Village of Jackson:** At Village Hall (N168W20733 Main Street, Jackson, WI 53037) Monday-Friday from 8AM-4:30PM.

- **City of Port Washington:** At the City Hall (100 W Grand Ave, Port Washington, WI 53074) from 8AM-5PM Monday-Friday.
- **Village of Richfield:** Drive through absentee at Village Hall (4128 Hubertus Road, Hubertus, WI 53033) from 8AM-4PM Monday-Friday with extended hours to 6PM on March 26 and 5PM on April 3.
- **Village of Saukville:** At the Village Hall (639 East Green Bay Avenue, Saukville, WI 53080) from 8AM-5PM Monday through Friday.
- **Village of Slinger:** At Village Hall (300 Slinger Road, Slinger, WI 53086) from 8AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.
- **Town of Wayne:** At Town Hall (6030 Mohawk Road, Campbellsport, WI 53010) on Monday, March 23 and Monday March 30 from 4PM-7PM or by appointment, 262-689-4238.

For other municipalities voters should contact their clerks for details about in-person absentee mailing or voting by mail.

State Resources for COVID-19

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, all levels of government are working to adjust to changes in business practices and state regulations. One example of this process is Governor Evers waiving the work search requirement for individuals applying for unemployment. This change was not reflected in the online application process yesterday, but my office has spoken with officials and the Department of Workforce Development and they are aware of the issue and working to correct it as quickly as possible.

As the demand for different state resources and programs grows, it is possible that response times may increase. I ask that you be patient and reach out to my office so we can monitor these issues and work with other parts of state government to deliver these services in as timely of a manner as possible.

As I mentioned in earlier messages, my office remains open and available to assist you with state related matters. Please do not hesitate to contact my office by email or phone, (608) 266-7513, if we can be of assistance.

Stay well,

Duey Stroebel



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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 5:09 PM
To: 'Boyd Stoffel'
Subject: RE: Update on New Executive Order

Boyd,

While golf courses are not explicitly mentioned in the shelter-in-place order itself, a follow-up FAQ document from Governor Evers' office states "Golf courses are not considered essential businesses. Staff can perform minimum basic operations as defined in the order."

This has proven to be one of the more arbitrary, inconsistent and confusing aspects of the order, which was still in the process of being drafted as it was announced by Gov. Evers via Twitter on Monday morning.

It's my understanding that states such as Arizona, Ohio, and North Carolina were allowed to continue operations after their "shelter in place" orders were subsequently revised by their respective governors.

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Boyd Stoffel <stoffel@transtarmedical.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on New Executive Order
Importance: High

Dear Senator Stroebe,

How does Evers' order impact golf courses? Outdoor activity. Can easily maintain social distancing.

Seasonal business and the weather is going to get nice. Can we open with certain precautions?

What information do you have on this?

Boyd A Stoffel

Auburn Bluffs Golf Course
Campbellsport WI
414-315-5143

From: Senator Duey Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Boyd Stoffel <stoffel@transtarmedical.com>
Subject: Update on New Executive Order



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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 5:27 PM
To: 'lyschuett@charter.net'
Subject: RE: Update on New Executive Order

Larry & Yvonne,

Great question. Here's the guidance the DNR provided in the [press release](#) they sent out yesterday following the issuance of Governor Evers' shelter-in-place order:

Hunting And Fishing

- All current regulations apply for hunting, trapping, and fishing seasons.
- Hunters, trappers, and anglers are encouraged to hunt, trap and fish in their communities only.
- In light of Gov. Evers COVID-19 recommendations, please keep in mind the need for 6-feet of social distance, limited travel and proper handwashing.

Hopefully this is helpful.

Thanks,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: lyschuett@charter.net <lyschuett@charter.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:40 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on New Executive Order

Hello Senator

What about hunting and fishing during this period. We live in Watertown and we have a second home on Lake Winnebago in Fond du lac. Can we travel between homes. Thanks

Larry & Yvonne Schuett

From: "Senator Duey Stroebe"
To: lyschuett@charter.net
Cc:
Sent: Tuesday March 24 2020 3:35:25PM
Subject: Update on New Executive Order

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:38 PM
To: 'cedarmick@aol.com'
Subject: RE: Unemployment

Michael,

While the enactment of the economic relief package at the federal level (which passed the U.S. Senate late yesterday) will have to precede any action taken by the state legislature (for funding purposes), there are ongoing discussions about including a temporary waiver of the UI waiting period throughout the remainder of the state of emergency. It's entirely possible this will be one component of the anticipated package that will be coming together here at the state level.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos spoke to this near the end of their press conference yesterday afternoon.

Thanks,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: cedarmick@aol.com <cedarmick@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Rep.Ramthun <Rep.Ramthun@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Unemployment

Dear Representatives,

This is Michael Sellinger, I live at 54 E Prospect Court in Hartford. I work for the Harley-Davidson Motor Company on Pilgrim Road in Menomonee Falls.

My question; Will the State of Wisconsin be waiving the first week waiting period for Unemployment so those of us that have been laid off because of COVID-19 not miss a week of pay?

Thank you,

Michael Sellinger
54 E Prospect Ct
Hartford, WI 53027

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:04 PM
To: 'Dennis Rickard'
Subject: RE: Update on New Executive Order

Dennis,

Generally speaking, anyone with an income level below 100% of the federal poverty level (\$12,760 for individuals) is eligible for Medicaid coverage in Wisconsin. The state Department of Health Services provides the following guidance regarding application for Medicaid coverage:

“People interested in applying for Wisconsin Medicaid benefits, please contact your local county or tribal human or social services department or call the Member Services Hotline at 1-800-362-3002. This Hotline number is for members, member advocates and people interested in applying for Medicaid benefits only.”

Individuals with income levels between 100-400% of the federal poverty level are typically eligible for heavily subsidized healthcare coverage through the ACA marketplace at the federal level: <https://www.healthcare.gov/get-coverage/>

Hopefully this serves as a decent starting point.

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Dennis Rickard <drrickard2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Update on New Executive Order

Hi Duey,

My name is Dennis Rickard. We live close to you in Cedarburg. My son was released from his job because of the covid19. They are offering him Cobra health coverage but he is not able to afford the nearly \$600 per month.

Is he able to get. Badger Care? Can you point us in the right direction?

Thanks in advance for your help.

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Have a great day,
Dennis

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:24 PM
To: 'Chuck Van Horn'
Subject: RE: stimulus

Chuck,

I can't necessarily speak to the specifics of the federal economic relief package that's coming together (the U.S. Senate voted unanimously to pass the bill late yesterday, and a vote is anticipated in the U.S. House on Friday), but it's anticipated that it will serve as the framework through which the state legislature provides any economic relief relating to the coronavirus shutdown. Our analysts at the Legislative Fiscal Bureau provided us with a link to a summary of the legislation this morning: <https://www.ncsl.org?NCSL-in-dc/publications-and-resources/coronavirus-stimulus-bill-states.aspx>

For information specific to the SBA loans, your best bet is to start with the resources provided by the Wisconsin Small Business Development Network: <https://wisconsinsbdc.org/services/covid-19/disasterloans/>

As far as how your specific industry is affected by the "Safer at Home" order issued by Gov. Evers on Tuesday, Section 13 of the order lists all of the "Essential Businesses and Operations" that can continue to operate as long as "Social Distancing Requirements" are met between "all individuals on the premises to the extent possible." Paragraph k, under Section 13 deems "Gas stations and businesses needed for transportation" to be essential, and lists the following entities: "Gas stations; auto and motorcycle supply, repair and sales; boat supply, repair, and sales; and bicycle supply, repair, and sales."

Hopefully you find this to be helpful.

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Chuck Van Horn <Chuck@vhcars.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:32 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: stimulus

From: Chuck Van Horn
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:30 PM
To: 'mailto:Rep.Vorpapel@legis.wisconsin.gov' <<mailto:Rep.Vorpapel@legis.wisconsin.gov>>
Subject: stimulus

Hello, I'm looking for clarity on the stimulus bill. I have 15 auto dealerships in WI. I want to remain open and retain all employees, except those that choose to stay home for health considerations. I have over 500 employees.

My question is; Can I retain my employees, keep them working, get the loan from the SBA (as set up in the bill), and then have the loan forgiven if I can keep my business running? Any help is appreciated chuck van horn 920 254 1703

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:12 PM
To: 'nvanvoorhis@juno.com'
Subject: RE: Voting RE: family in your district

Nancy,

Due to the different approach for absentee voting that is being taken from municipality to municipality, I would encourage your family members to contact their municipal clerk(s). They can find their municipal clerk through the following link: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/mymunicipalclerk>

The Wisconsin Elections Commission put out a memo earlier this week clarifying that a local clerk must accommodate a voter's request for in-person absentee voting. Generally, clerks in larger communities have been offering walk-in hours to the general public for in-person absentee voting, while clerks in smaller communities have been offering in-person absentee voting by appointment.

As for voting on Election Day (April 7), the Wisconsin Elections Commission and local clerks are actively exploring the strategies that will be put into place to ensure all voters who wish to vote at the polls will have the necessary accommodations to do so safely.

Hopefully this is helpful.

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact was submitted

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I would like a member of the senator's staff to call me at the number provided below.

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nvanvoorhis@juno.com

Name

Nancy VanVoorhis

Address

827 4th St

City, State Zip Code

Kiel

Phone

9202861486

Message Subject

Voting RE: family in your district

Message

Absentee voting options close in a few day. What options are available to those who don't have access to MyVoteWi.gov to vote absentee?

My family in your district doesn't have a scanner/printing to enter a picture id at MyVoteWi.gov option to get vote via absentee. The government office are closed to vote early. My 93 year old mother should not be out on election day

Verify

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:00 PM
To: 'Main'
Subject: RE: Clarity please for working - contractor/handyman

Tania,

Thanks for the message. By and large, the shelter in place order issued by Gov. Evers a couple of days ago is broadly construed, even for the individual industries and occupations that are deemed "essential" under the order. Section 13 of the order outlines the "Essential Businesses and Operations" that are allowed to continue operating as long as "Social Distancing Requirements" are met "between all individuals on the premises to the greatest extent possible."

Paragraph n. under Section 13 addresses "Critical trades," which would appear to be most applicable to your situation. It includes the following:

n. Critical trades. Building and Construction Tradesmen and Tradeswomen, and other trades including but not limited to plumbers, electricians, carpenters, laborers, sheet metal, iron workers, masonry, pipe trades, fabricators, finishers, exterminators, pesticide application, cleaning and janitorial staff for commercial and governmental properties, security staff, operating engineers, HVAC, painting, moving and relocation services, forestry and arborists, and other service providers who provide **services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences**, Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, and Essential Businesses and Operations.

I've bolded the excerpt that addresses residential properties.

Hopefully this is somewhat helpful.

Thanks,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: Main <anchorbabe22@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:03 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Clarity please for working - contractor/handyman

Senator Stroebel,

Are you able to put clarity on what is essential for our job? We do home renovation and right now we have bathrooms that we were working on for customers. Are we still able to go to work at their home during this or is this the non-essential job stated?

We honestly can't figure out the lingo to make sense for contractors. This is residential. Not commercial.

Thank you

Tania

Cedarburg, WI

Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:05 PM
To: 'Jim Krautkramer'
Subject: RE: Travel Restrictions
Attachments: EMO12-SaferAtHome.pdf

Jim,

Section 15 of Gov. Evers' shelter in place order addresses "Essential Travel." It includes "Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction."

I've attached a copy of the order for your reference.

It appears your situation is covered under the order.

Hopefully this is helpful. I wish you a safe trip back to Wisconsin!

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Jim Krautkramer <jkrautkramer@glacier-gts.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:31 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Travel Restrictions

Good Morning:

We are in Florida and have practiced stay at home during the last couple of weeks. We want to come home to Wisconsin and comply with the new guidelines.

What should we know about getting back home. We are driving and would like to leave Saturday.

Thank you.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:14 PM
To: 'keith kaiman'
Subject: RE: Update on New Executive Order

Keith,

Thank you for reading through the newsletter and providing your follow up. I appreciate the supportive remarks.

If the Convention of States resolution were to successfully pass through the Senate before the end of the session (the outcome I am hoping for), Wisconsin will join the other states who have successfully submitted an application for a convention of the states under Article V of the U.S. Constitution. The convention would be triggered once two-thirds of state legislatures (34 states) successfully submit their applications.

Hopefully this helps to answer your question.

Thanks again,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: keith kaiman <kaiman4u@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 8:41 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Update on New Executive Order

Hello, Duey:

Great info, as usual. Must be tough to constantly be playing chess with Evers and his administration. Genetic Democrats rarely get it right.

An aside, when the Senate passes "Convention of States" what happens next?

Stay strong,

Keith

On Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 03:38:08 PM CDT, Senator Duey Stroebe <sen.stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:48 PM
To: 'Pamela Burns'
Subject: RE: Update on New Executive Order

Pamela,

Thank you for reading through the newsletter. You raise a great point with regard to our UI system and the different levers it is comprised of. As UI claims continue to increase dramatically, I can understand why some have called for the temporary relaxation of certain requirements, such as the mandatory one-week waiting period for the collection of benefits. We need to keep in mind that many of these requirements are in place to ensure our state's UI fund remains solvent, in addition to protecting our small business owners from significant rate increases at a time when they can least afford it.

It's my understanding that enhanced UI benefits are a big piece of the economic relief package that is being finalized in Congress. This will serve as the framework for the anticipated relief package that is being discussed here in the state legislature. My colleagues and I must be mindful of the potential impact any temporary adjustments to the UI system could have on our employers.

Thank you again,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Pamela Burns <ospburns@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:32 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Update on New Executive Order

Thank you for the valuable information! As a small business owners I want to insist that the state review how it applies unemployment rates to individual companies. I do not want my stellar State Unemployment Rate to be increased next year due to the layoff that has been State & Federal Imposed!

Sincerely,
Pamela Burns

From: Senator Duey Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:26 PM
To: ospburns@hotmail.com <ospburns@hotmail.com>
Subject: Update on New Executive Order

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:28 AM
To: 'Robert Hartwig'
Subject: RE: Virtual Learning and COVID-19 Information

Bob,

Here is a link to the newsletter I put out on Tuesday regarding Gov. Evers' shelter-in-place order:
[https://mailchi.mp/f9ec935a3006/state-budget-12405745?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/f9ec935a3006/state-budget-12405745?e=[UNIQID])

Here is a link to the newsletter I issued last week regarding early voting (in-person absentee voting) options throughout the 20th Senate District (please forgive me for a few of the typos it contains). It's not a complete or current list, but it contains all of the information that was directly provided to our office by local clerks: <https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=11fcf7e52d2e4a0df31e72051&id=2fc54def6f>

Thanks,

Duey

From: Robert Hartwig <Robert.Hartwig@co.washington.wi.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 8:01 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: County Supervisor Robert <Hartwig@WashingtonCounty.onmicrosoft.com>
Subject: Re: Virtual Learning and COVID-19 Information

Could you please send me another copy of your letter that you sent yesterday or the day before I accidentally deleted it

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 18, 2020, at 9:00 AM, Senator Duey Stroebel <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Virtual Learning

As COVID-19 closes schools across Wisconsin, I wanted to highlight school districts in the 20th Senate District that are continuing to educate students using the valuable taxpayer resources that we have entrusted to them. The 20th Senate District includes most of Ozaukee and Washington Counties as well as portions of Calumet, Fond du Lac, and Sheboygan Counties.

The Hartford J1, Holy Hill Area, Northern Ozaukee, Port Washington-Saukville, Plymouth, Random Lake, and Slinger School Districts have already started a virtual learning program for their students in reaction to the current environment.

I applaud their preparation to ensure our students have the resources they need to succeed. I look forward to other districts joining their ranks to minimize the interruption to our children's education.

State Resources for COVID-19

The most recent information from the State of Wisconsin on COVID-19 can be found on this website. Here you will be able to find the current testing numbers and other information from the Department of Health Services. Please feel free to email me or call my office at (608) 266-7513 if you have any questions about COVID-19 or another issue.

Have a great rest of the week,

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:49 PM
To: 'Shambeau, Jay'
Subject: RE: Absentee Voting in West Bend

Thanks for putting this together and bringing it to my attention, Jay.

Kudos to you and the team at the City of West Bend for serving as an example for other municipalities in the state. I've been impressed with the manner in which West Bend, Richfield, and a few others in our region have stepped up to the plate in the midst of this crisis, while many others have unfortunately dragged their feet or resorted to litigation.

I will definitely keep these resources in mind in the coming days. I plan to continue to advocate for the April 7 election to remain in place (with in-person voting at the polls) and will be putting out some messaging to that effect next week.

Thanks again, and keep up the great work!

Duey

From: Shambeau, Jay <shambeauj@ci.west-bend.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Absentee Voting in West Bend

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gybFRJ50jZQ>

<https://www.facebook.com/CityofWestBend/videos/2516628851920651/>

Senator Stroebe,

Hope your family, staff and extended loved ones are staying safe. Please know that your City of West Bend staff members continue to take our duties seriously and have continued all essential services. We are being safe and smart with staff and protecting them as much as possible.

Please see the above City of West Bend video that encourages our constituents to request online absentee ballots, and demonstrates our processes that we have implemented for safe in-person absentee voting at city hall. Stephanie Justmann, City Clerk has prepared for this election well in advance. We started in-person absentee voting one week early and have processed over 6,000 absentee ballots already. Please share this video to encourage other municipalities to do their job as well.

West Bend has taken on this election and is expecting a total of approximately 90% voter turnout!

Please reach out if you desire to talk through anything in more detail.

Thanks for all that you do for our district!

Be safe,
Jay

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:53 PM
To: 'Village of Fredonia - Sandra Tretow'
Subject: RE: today from the Governor

Sandi,

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Thank you again for your outreach.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Village of Fredonia - Sandra Tretow <stretow@village.fredonia.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: today from the Governor
Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to both of you to please strongly consider not voting for the legislation from the Governor today to send an absentee ballot to every registered voter for the spring election.

Our office has 1 full time, and one half time person in the office. We have been working hard to mail ballots to everyone requesting, and assisting the people who come in to vote. It has not been easy, but we are getting by and making it work without complaint.

Does the governor really want us to send a ballot to every one without any consideration for the voter id law that is in place? Fraud? I could certainly see it being an issue.

Plus there is so much work in sending out a ballot to begin with, but then tracking them is a whole another story and then processing them (remaking if errors etc.).

Please please please vote no!!!

We just want the April 7th election to be over with. We are so close...

Thank you,



View your voting activity, update your name or address, register to vote and more!

<https://myvote.wi.gov>

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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:53 PM
To: 'Mike Komro'
Subject: RE: Send an Absentee Ballot to Every Registered Voter Now

Mike,

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Sincerely,

Sen. D Huey Stroebel

From: Mike Komro <mikekomro@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:25 PM
To: Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Send an Absentee Ballot to Every Registered Voter Now

Hello,

In order to protect the safety of the people of Wisconsin I encourage you to immediately pass legislation to allow voters the opportunity to vote from home by sending an absentee ballot to every registered voter. In addition, allow absentee ballots postmarked the day of the election to be counted and extend the time period to give clerks extra time to count the influx of absentee ballots.

Doing this now will reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19 and ensure our election is handle efficiently and safely. Polling locations will be filled with voters and workers with the potential to spread the virus to every corner of our town, county and state.

Please do the responsible thing now.

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Regards,
Mike

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:53 PM
To: 'Carline Czaja'
Subject: RE: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Carline Czaja <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tell election officials, WI must expand voting options

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:54 PM
To: 'Sandi Jones'
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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Sandi Jones <advocacy@bluestatedigital.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:51 PM
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To: 'Brian Bernhardt'
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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 4:58 PM
To: 'Paul Lazzari'
Subject: RE: April 7 Election

Paul,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Paul Lazzari <wilazzari@att.net>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fw: April 7 Election

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From: Paul Lazzari <wilazzari@att.net>
To: sen.strobel@legis.wisconsin.gov <sen.strobel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; sen.darling@legis.wisconsin.gov <sen.darling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; rep.ottj@legis.wisconsin.gov <rep.ottj@legis.wisconsin.gov>; rep.rob.brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov <rep.rob.brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020, 03:50:34 PM CDT
Subject: April 7 Election

Senators and Representatives, I am writing to insist you OPPOSE the Governors plan to steal the election of Justice Kelly by sending ballots to all voters on the roles. This comes on the heels of the refusal of the election

commission to purge the voter roles of 200,000 questioned voters. This is a fraud and a disgrace, especially following the safer at home policy which has people following the rule and not voting in person early, after the Democrat strongholds of Milwaukee and Madison had a 2 week head start in voting. These shameless democrats are telling people they do not need photo ID, despite the current law. This is a disgusting move by the governor and his puppeteers!

Thank you,
Paul J. Lazzari
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Grafton, Wisconsin 53024

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:51 PM
To: 'Jon Dolson'
Subject: RE: Election Day-stay the course

Thank you for the message, Jon.

I appreciate the update on how Sheboygan County and its municipalities are approaching the April 7 election. I will continue to advocate for the April 7 election to occur as scheduled (maintaining the option for citizens to vote at the polls on Election Day). It's my plan to put out some additional messaging next week to this effect.

You and I both know that it's not logistically feasible to implement a statewide mail-in election system in a matter of ten days (it took the state of Washington six years to get their system to be fully operational). I question the sincerity of Gov. Evers' request to the legislature, as he has not consulted the Wisconsin Elections Commission for advice on this strategy as of Tuesday (the day of his most recent media briefing on COVID-19 prior his briefing this afternoon). Now is not the time to transform an election that has already seen a record number of absentee ballot requests for political purposes. Simply put, Gov. Evers' latest proposal is not workable.

I want to commend all of your efforts in rapidly adapting and coordinating a contingency plan with your local clerks to preserve the opportunity for Sheboygan County residents to safely exercise their civic duty in the midst of the ongoing outbreak and vote at the polls on April 7. You serve as a great example for some of the clerks in the other areas of the state who have unfortunately responded to the extraordinary circumstances at hand by dragging their feet or resorting to litigation.

I know you and your municipal clerks have been overwhelmed with the amount of absentee voting activity, but my hat goes off to you and your team for taking on the challenge in stride.

Thanks again for filling me in on the situation on the ground in Sheboygan County.

Have a great weekend,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Jon Dolson <jon.dolson@sheboygancounty.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:20 PM
To: Sen.LeMahieu <Sen.LeMahieu@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Katsma <Rep.Katsma@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vorpapel <Rep.Vorpapel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Ramthun <Rep.Ramthun@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Election Day-stay the course

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From: Jon Dolson <jon.dolson@sheboygancounty.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 27, 2020 at 5:13 PM
Subject: Election Day-stay the course

To: sen.fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov <sen.fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>, rep.vos@legis.wisconsin.gov <rep.vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Good afternoon Senator Fitzgerald and Representative Vos:

Stay the course! Municipal clerks are doing an incredible job of keeping up now, after the initial wave of absentee requests flooded in. The 28 municipal clerks in Sheboygan County are now reporting that the flow has leveled off, or started to taper off. If Election Day is postponed, you will be turning this into an election year, not just the current spring and fall cycles. The vast majority of municipal clerks loathe elections, are often also the municipal treasurer with a boat load of other items to be attending to, and look forward to the summer months to breath, recoup, and catch up, before doing this all over again in July (election work starts long before the August primary). It's a challenge of a lifetime but clerks are focusing on April 8th, the day after. We're so far past the halfway point (military and overseas voters had ballots sent to them back on February 20th. And with the incredible influx of absentee voting already tackled, the show must go on.

Regarding poll workers, municipal clerks are getting help from their boards/trustees, other municipal employees, volunteer firefighters, college students home on break, high school students 16 years old and up, contacting bartenders registered with the town who are now laid off, others that have been laid off (I think you know poll workers get paid), family and friends. They're advertising on digital billboards and newspapers, I've asked local colleges, universities, and radio stations to spread the word, and people are contacting clerks to help out.

Regarding sanitization at the polls, clerks are gearing up for wiping down voting booths after every voter, having voters keep the pen they used, hand sanitizer stations before and after voting, curbside voting, etc. They want this to happen and be done with it. There is a 30%+ turnover with municipal clerks that the WEC has to train each year. If Election Day gets postponed, I fear that figure would surpass 50%.

Please stay the course!

Thank you for your time and service!

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:36 PM
To: 'kujoba@hotmail.com'
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Kurt,

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Thank you again for your outreach.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Kurt Bahlert <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:30 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

Duey Stroebe,

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- Give local election clerks more time to count absentee ballots

In this unusual election, Wisconsin voters and local election officials need to ensure every single voter can safely participate in our democracy.

We need the state legislature to act now.

Kurt Bahlert

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:37 PM
To: 'nick@ibew494.com'
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Nicholas Campbell <nick@ibew494.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:33 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:38 PM
To: 'danny53012@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Take action now to ensure every voter can safely cast a ballot on April 7

Daniel,

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 6:34 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Take action now to ensure every voter can safely cast a ballot on April 7

Dear Senator Duey Stroebel,

Your constituents are currently navigating major priority shifts and mounting challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic – bills, child care, health care, uprooted schedules, and personal and family logistics that are challenging even in normal times.

With an unprecedented health crisis intensifying, no one should be forced to put themselves and others at grave risk just to cast a vote.

At this critical moment, I ask that you help your constituents safely exercise their most fundamental right by:

- Allowing voters the opportunity to vote from home by sending an absentee ballot to every registered voter
- Allowing absentee ballots postmarked the day of the election to be counted
- Extending the time period to give clerks extra time to count the influx of absentee ballots

I urge you to support these measures and implement them quickly.

Sincerely,

Mr. DANIEL WAITE

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:38 PM
To: 'kgqlts@hotmail.com'
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Karen,

Thank you for the message regarding Gov. Evers' call for legislative action to transform the April 7 election into a mail-in election.

Simply put, it is not logistically feasible to implement such a system less than two weeks before an election. I question the sincerity of the Governor's request, as he had not consulted the Wisconsin Elections Commission for advice on this strategy as of Tuesday (the day of his most recent media briefing on COVID-19 prior to his call on Friday for the mail-in election).

In looking to election experts in other states, it's simply not possible to implement the necessary equipment (e.g., high-speed scanners), resources (i.e., ballots and envelopes), safeguards (e.g., protections against ballot harvesting), and systems to allow this arrangement to be implemented in time for the April 7 election, let alone the presidential election in November. The state of Washington is often held up as an archetype for mail-in election programs, but it has been widely reported that it took Washington elections officials six years to fully implement their existing process.

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Thank you again for your outreach.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Karen Griffin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 6:54 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

Duey Stroebel,

We call on the state legislature to pass bipartisan legislation ahead of the April 7 Spring Election to:

- Automatically mail every registered voter an absentee ballot
- Count all absentee ballots postmarked by Election Day
- Give local election clerks more time to count absentee ballots

In this unusual election, Wisconsin voters and local election officials need to ensure every single voter can safely participate in our democracy.

We need the state legislature to act now.

Karen Griffin

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:39 PM
To: 'martinson.linda@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Linda,

Thank you for the message regarding Gov. Evers' call for legislative action to transform the April 7 election into a mail-in election.

Simply put, it is not logistically feasible to implement such a system less than two weeks before an election. I question the sincerity of the Governor's request, as he had not consulted the Wisconsin Elections Commission for advice on this strategy as of Tuesday (the day of his most recent media briefing on COVID-19 prior to his call on Friday for the mail-in election).

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Thank you again for your outreach.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Linda Martinson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 7:10 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

Duey Stroebe,

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As a chief inspector in my municipality I am concerned for my safety, the safety of my colleagues and the citizens of our township!

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We need the state legislature to act now.

Linda Martinson

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:39 PM
To: 'gw4603@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

George,

Thank you for the message regarding Gov. Evers' call for legislative action to transform the April 7 election into a mail-in election.

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Thank you again for your outreach.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: George Walls <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 7:33 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

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George Walls

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:40 PM
To: 'bal8902@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Take action now to ensure every voter can safely cast a ballot on April 7

Bruce,

Thank you for the message regarding Gov. Evers' call for legislative action to transform the April 7 election into a mail-in election.

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Thank you again for your outreach.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: bal8902@everyactionadvocacy.com <bal8902@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:07 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Take action now to ensure every voter can safely cast a ballot on April 7

Dear Senator Duey Stroebel,

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I urge you to support these measures and implement them quickly.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bruce A. Lisiecki

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:40 PM
To: 'nplivy@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Linda,

Thank you for the message regarding Gov. Evers' call for legislative action to transform the April 7 election into a mail-in election.

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Thank you again for your outreach.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Linda Shields <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 10:31 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

Duey Stroebel,

We call on the state legislature to pass bipartisan legislation ahead of the April 7 Spring Election to:

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We need the state legislature to act now.

Linda Shields

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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:40 PM
To: 'star8199_1331@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Take action now to ensure every voter can safely cast a ballot on April 7

Ariel,

Thank you for the message regarding Gov. Evers' call for legislative action to transform the April 7 election into a mail-in election.

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Thank you again for your outreach.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: star8199_1331@everyactionadvocacy.com <star8199_1331@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:41 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Take action now to ensure every voter can safely cast a ballot on April 7

Dear Senator Duey Stroebel,

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- Extending the time period to give clerks extra time to count the influx of absentee ballots

I urge you to support these measures and implement them quickly.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ariel Steuer

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:41 PM
To: '762sorlie.na@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Nancy,

Thank you for the message regarding Gov. Evers' call for legislative action to transform the April 7 election into a mail-in election.

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Thank you again for your outreach.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Nancy Sorlie <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 12:08 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

Duey Stroebel,

Due to the devastating virus in America we call on the state legislature to pass bipartisan legislation ahead of the April 7 Spring Election to:

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We need the state legislature to act now. Thank-you for your time and consideration.

Nancy Sorlie

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WEST BEND, Wisconsin 53090

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:42 PM
To: 'kevinofthelake@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Take action now to ensure every voter can safely cast a ballot on April 7

Kevin,

Thank you for the message regarding Gov. Evers' call for legislative action to transform the April 7 election into a mail-in election.

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Thank you again for your outreach.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: kevinofthelake@everyactionadvocacy.com <kevinofthelake@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:32 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Take action now to ensure every voter can safely cast a ballot on April 7

Dear Senator Duey Stroebel,

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I urge you to support these measures and implement them quickly.

Additionally Mr. Stroebel, I have been hearing you want to end "safer at home" soon for economic reasons. I would appreciate your recognition that such behavior creates a health risk for the people of Wisconsin and others - really a life and death issue you, apparently need to address. Please remember you represent me and I expect my health interests to be protected.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kevin Killeen

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:42 PM
To: 'g-bauden@wi.rr.com'
Subject: RE: Take action now to ensure every voter can safely cast a ballot on April 7

Gerry,

Thank you for the message regarding Gov. Evers' call for legislative action to transform the April 7 election into a mail-in election.

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Thank you again for your outreach.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

-----Original Message-----

From: g-bauden@everyactionadvocacy.com <g-bauden@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Take action now to ensure every voter can safely cast a ballot on April 7

Dear Senator Duey Stroebe,

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Sincerely,

Mr. Gerry Baudendistel

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:42 PM
To: 'JENDAYCONURE@YAHOO.COM'
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Kat,

Thank you for the message regarding Gov. Evers' call for legislative action to transform the April 7 election into a mail-in election.

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Thank you again for your outreach.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: KAT VOGEL <JENDAYCONURE@YAHOO.COM>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

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KAT VOGEL

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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 4:43 PM
To: 'plechmaier@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Update Election Law

Patti,

Thank you for the message regarding Gov. Evers' call for legislative action to transform the April 7 election into a mail-in election.

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Thank you again for your outreach.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Patti Lechmaier <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Update Election Law

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Patti Lechmaier

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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 6:43 PM
To: 'Judy Gloede'
Subject: RE: April 7th Election

Judith,

Thank you for the message regarding Gov. Evers' call for legislative action to transform the April 7 election into a mail-in election.

Simply put, it is not logistically feasible to implement such a system less than two weeks before an election. I question the sincerity of the Governor's request, as he had not consulted the Wisconsin Elections Commission for advice on this strategy as of Tuesday (the day of his most recent media briefing on COVID-19 prior to his call on Friday for the mail-in election).

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Thank you again for your outreach.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: Judy Gloede <judycgloede@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 6:19 PM
Subject: Re: April 7th Election

In my opinion I just don't trust the sending out of Absentee Ballots to every Wisconsin Voter....too much chance of corruption with all those ballots floating around out there with so many having voted already out there. Don't know if it's happening, but.....

Judith Gloede

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:37 PM
To: 'egotthart@wi.rr.com'
Subject: RE: April 7th Election

Bob,

Thanks for the message. To answer your question, I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7th Election

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I would like a member of the senator's staff to call me at the number provided below.

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Email

egotthart@wi.rr.com

Name

Bob Gotthart

Address

239 Bley Pkwy

City, State Zip Code

Port Washington

Phone

2623896557

Message Subject

April 7th Election

Message

Why are you and others not asking for this election to be postponed - in Port Washington some polling locations will not be open on 4/7? This will happen in mostly GOP areas. What a mess - why not have the election in mid May??

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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:59 AM
To: 'Lori Melchiori'
Subject: RE: WI State Primary

Lori,

I don't think I'll be able to speak on Gov. Evers' behalf, as his position on the April 7 election appears to be shifting each day. Up until last Friday, Gov. Evers supported proceeding with the April 7 election as planned. Heading into the weekend, Gov. Evers called for the legislature to make several changes to our election law in an effort to transform the ongoing election into a mail-in election (i.e., mailing a ballot to every registered Wisconsin voter, suspending voter ID requirements, extending the period for clerks to canvass results, etc.). Aside from compromising the integrity of our electoral process, it would be logistically improbable to implement such a system on ten days' notice. For example, it took the state of Washington six years to get their mail-in election system to the point where it was fully operational. Moreover, the administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission indicated that local clerks would not be able to obtain the materials (i.e., ballots and envelopes) needed to follow through on the Governor's proposal.

The short answer to your question is that the Governor cannot act unilaterally to postpone the election.

As far as my own position on the matter, I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. While many are questioning the capacity or willingness of local clerks to make the necessary accommodations to protect the health and safety of voters who must vote in-person on April 7, I have been contacted by several clerks and local governments in my district who have given me the assurance that they are up to the task. I understand the current situation is likely to have an impact on voter turnout, but the record number of absentee ballot requests does not indicate that there is a great mass of voters without the opportunity to vote.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Lori Melchiori <lmelchiori5@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:59 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: WI State Primary

Dear Senator Stroebel,

Can you tell me why Governor Evers has refused to postpone the election? Is it a decision he can make on his own or does it require a law be passed by the state legislators? I am incensed about the fact that we have a stay

at home order but the election was not postponed. I am caretaker for my 85 year old father & there is no way I will be taking him out to vote. I would like to know who dropped the ball here.

Thank you & stay safe,
Lori Melchiori
2640 Forest Lane
Saukville WI 53080

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:28 PM
To: 'Jeff Giese'
Subject: RE: Lawn care deemed nonessential
Attachments: Essential Business Inquiry-Landscaping Updated.docx

Jeff,

My office was notified by the Evers administration earlier today of what appears to be a shift in their position on landscaping services. The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) has essentially been tasked with serving as the clearinghouse for "essential" and "non-essential" business determinations following the issuance of Gov. Evers' shelter-in-place order on March 25. Here's what the liaison at WEDC had to say:

"under the latest US Department of Homeland Security CISA regulations, landscaping services were deemed essential, I have attached a letter we are sharing with landscapers that have reached out to WEDC via the essential business page (wedc.org/essentialbusiness) as they were initially labeled 'non-essential'."

Attached is the letter referenced by the liaison, which apparently is now being shared with the landscaping companies that are reaching out to WEDC and the Evers administration.

It appears to be a rather open-ended modification to their original determination, as services "necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, businesses, and buildings" can be construed quite broadly. It looks like the administration changed their position following the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's March 28 memorandum deeming landscaping an essential business or operation.

It might not be a bad idea for you to reconnect with your lawn care company to see if they are aware of this development. I get the sense that this update might afford the landscaping industry more flexibility with their operations throughout the remainder of the ongoing public health emergency that was declared by Gov. Evers on March 12.

Thank you for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

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From: Jeff Giese <giesej06@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:39 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Lawn care deemed nonessential

Dear Senator,

Would it be feasible for lawn care services be changed by our clueless Governor from nonessential to essential? I'm 65 and disabled and rely on a lawn care company to do my yard work.

Thanks

Jeff Giese

PS : I just had a tree cut down and removed by two people, but I can't have one person show up and get my yard spruced up?

Sent from my iPad

Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:05 PM
To: 'Don Bader'
Subject: RE: Update on New Executive Order

Don,

Thanks for the message.

You should be able to visit myvote.wi.gov and click on the dark gray "Search by Name" icon in the top-right corner. After entering your name and birthdate into the form, you should be re-directed to a webpage that shows the status of your absentee ballot (i.e., the date it was requested, the date your request was received by the clerk, the date the absentee ballot was mailed to you by the clerk, and the date your completed absentee ballot was received by the clerk).

If you continue to have issues, please give my staff a call in my Capitol office at 608.266.7513. They would be more than happy to assist you. That's why they're there.

Thanks,

Sen. Duey Stroebe1

From: Don Bader <don77550@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Update on New Executive Order

Greetings Duey,

Thank you for all your extra work during these challenging days.

My wife and I requested absentee ballots in Cedarburg over the weekend through the website you provided in an email. We still have not received anything. Should I be concerned or who should I contact?

Thanks for your time!

Sincerely,
Don Bader

On Tue, Mar 24, 2020 at 3:26 PM Senator Duey Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Friends,

As you likely know, Governor Evers issued a new order restricting movement and commerce in an attempt to limit the spread of COVID-19. I have been critical of the order. However, this email is solely an attempt to explain the new order as best as we are able.

Here is a link to Governor Evers's new 'Safer at Home' order. It takes effect tomorrow morning at 8am and lasts 30 days until Friday, April 24th unless rescinded or altered by the Governor. It is 16 pages long and contains many specific language regarding activities and occupations exempted from the provisions. I encourage you to read the document. My office is open to answer questions as best we can.

What will NOT change tomorrow?

- Most restrictions that were in place from last week are retained. If you work in one of the businesses previously closed, you are likely still closed.
- You are still allowed outside for health and recreation provided you maintain social distancing.
- You can still leave your home to purchase essential goods and to travel to work at essential businesses.
- Local law enforcement is still empowered to enforce all provisions of the order with up to 30 days of imprisonment.
- Schools will remain closed to everything but virtual learning.
- 6 feet of social distancing in all settings outside your home continues to be observed whenever possible.

What does change tomorrow?

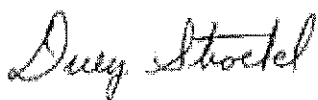
- People are ordered to remain in their domicile except for essential business and life needs as outlined in the order.
- The 10 person rule on social gatherings is gone and replaced with no social gatherings inside or outside the home other than provided for by an exemption.
- Travelling is restricted to purposes authorized in the order.
- Guidance is provided that religious worship and services are allowed as gatherings with limitations.
- A new batch of businesses are declared essential.

Do I work in an essential business?

- It appears all businesses covered in last week's exemptions remain.
- Generally, the following fields are all deemed essential: healthcare, human/social services, infrastructure, utilities, law enforcement/public protection, grocery stores, pharmacies, hardware stores, household goods stores, food and beverage production/transport, agriculture, restaurants and bars with restrictions, child care, non-profit charitable services organizations, religious facilities, building trades, supply chain, transportation, manufacturing and hotels with restrictions.
- The list of exempted industries and occupations is too long for me to list here. The above categories and others are broken out in greater detail as well. Please check the order first for specific questions.

This order is subject to change by the governor. He has emergency powers under his declaration until May 11th. My office remains open to provide any answers and guidance we can.

Stay well,





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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:24 PM
To: 'Chris b'
Subject: RE: Laid off and trying to collect unemployment

Chris,

Thanks for reaching out. Gov. Evers issued an order on March 18 suspending the work search requirements for the duration of the declared public health emergency ([Emergency Order 7](#)). The suspension applied retroactively to March 12, the day in which Gov. Evers declared the public health emergency.

It's my understanding that DWD has since made the appropriate adjustments to the processing of claims in the state's UI system, but perhaps your application represents one of the "glitches" that they are still working through.

The Evers administration does not have the authority to unilaterally waive the one-week waiting period on the collection of UI benefits. There are ongoing discussions in the legislature about temporarily suspending the one-week waiting period. We are still in the process of unraveling the \$2.2 trillion federal package and the state policy changes that are tied to the enhanced UI funding provided under the package. I supported the implementation of the waiting period in 2011 due to its effectiveness in preventing unjustified payments from the state's UI fund. The legislature is still working through this item and determining whether to suspend the requirement.

Thank you again for the message. I understand these are trying times for the tens of thousands of Wisconsinites who have abruptly entered into a period of unemployment.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Chris b <chris89b10@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Laid off and trying to collect unemployment

I have been furloughed from my job at Quad Graphics. I plan to go back to work in 4 weeks. Right on the web site for unemployment it states that I do not file a work search. Yet today I received a letter telling me that I have to file a work search. Why are we spending the money to send out these letters? Plus all it does is create confusion that makes people want to try and call in. Also What is going on with the 1st week waiting period. I thought that was supposed to be waved.

Thank you,
Chris Barth
Jackson, WI
262 365 8980

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:34 AM
To: 'Lewy Krisberg'
Subject: RE: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Lew,

Both the state and national Republican Party and legislative Republicans filed appeals to Judge Conley's ruling shortly after it was issued yesterday. The matter now lies before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Thank you,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Lewy Krisberg <lew@icclsk.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:13 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Hey Duey, and all your team,

When is someone or some group going to find another judge to issue a stay on the extended absentee ballot decision yesterday?

Or, why don't we just throw-in the towel right now and concede the election to Korofsky.

Essentially what just happened is, the progressives get to see on April 7 exactly how many votes they need to win, and then they have an extra 6 days to "HARVEST" them.

Is anyone else besides me able to see what's going to happen here?

This is why I will never join the GOP as a party - no one fights back.

Thanks,

Lew Krisberg

On Apr 3, 2020, at 10:05 AM, Senator Duey Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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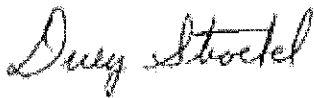
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Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:52 AM
To: 'Linda Thomas'
Subject: RE: Absentee ballots

Linda,

Municipal clerks are responsible for issuing requested absentee ballots. You can find your clerk by submitting your address on the following webpage: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/mymunicipalclerk>

Absentee ballots can only be requested and sent individually. If you are registered to vote at your current address, you can submit your absentee ballot request through the following webpage: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/VoteAbsentee>

Thank you,

Sen. Duey Stroebe1

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Thomas <ninitoten@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Absentee ballots

Please send us 4 ballots at 9130 N Upper River Rd, River Hills, WI 53217. Thank you, Linda Thomas

Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 11:38 AM
To: 'Bill Schneider'
Subject: RE: Tax Returns

Bill,

I can't necessarily speak to the average timeline for the arrival of tax refunds. Based on the conversations I've had on the topic, it appears state tax returns were being processed in roughly one to two weeks, but that was before the onset of the public health emergency. It's my understanding that the timeline fluctuates based on the volume of returns being received by DOR at any given time.

As I'm sure you know, the state and federal government both extended the tax filing deadline from April 15 to July 15, but I don't know what degree of impact that will have on the average turnaround time for refunds.

I will have my staff make an inquiry with the liaison at DOR and see if we can find out any additional information. I'll be in touch if we receive any other details.

Thanks,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Schneider <swdstmaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 11:22 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tax Returns

Senator Strobel,

Can you please inform me if there is a delay in returning taxes this year because of the virus issue. I have a substantial refund coming this year and have not received it as yet. Usually electronic returns take a week for the refund to show up but this year it's been a month and still nothing. My return was filled electronically for direct deposit to my bank account.

I would appreciate any help you can give me.

Thank You
William Schneider

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 11:55 AM
To: 'Dave Klement'
Subject: RE: April 7 Vote

Dave,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

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From: Dave Klement <daveklement@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 Vote

I am writing you because I am a little disappointed and do not understand why the voting date was not changed. My wife and I have both sent in our absentee ballots but there will be many that will not for what ever reason. That said this is a serious risk to both poll workers and these voters. Why? Without knowing why, Wisconsin is looking like we do not have our s@#@ together.

Thank You

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 11:59 AM
To: 'swdstmaker@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Tax Returns

Bill,

The DOR liaison got back to my office and provided the following information:

There is no substantial delay as a result of COVID - 19. If you have Mr. Schneider's address handy, I can have my team check into his account about what may be causing the issue.

If you would be able to provide your address, my staff is happy to re-connect with the DOR liaison and have the department's staff look into the status of your tax return.

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Sen.Stroebe

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From: Lori Hetzel <lorihetzel@ci.hartford.wi.us>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

I just seen they want legislature to agree to send a ballot to all registered votes. I urge to NOT DO THIS. People are finding ways to vote. This sending would be a waste of time resources and taxpayer money. Please Please do NOT agree to this.

From: Senator Duey Stroebel [<mailto:Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>]
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:06 AM
To: Lori Hetzel <lorihetzel@ci.hartford.wi.us>
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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:30 PM
To: 'Hugh Jones'
Subject: RE: Executive Order #73

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Hugh Jones <hughjonesjr@att.net>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Executive Order #73
Importance: High

Senator Strobel,

Please to vote no on this!

I want to keep everyone safe just as the governor does but this proposed legislation jeopardizes the integrity of our election process and opens the door to wide spread voter fraud.

Hugh E. Jones, Jr.
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hughjonesjr@att.net

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:32 PM
To: 'Erica Kuhn'
Subject: RE: Vote NO to Evers!

Erica,

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From: Erica Kuhn <leche_loco@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Ramthun <Rep.Ramthun@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Vote NO to Evers!

Hello! I just got word from Rep Sortwell , that Governor Evers, yet again, is requesting an urgent meeting with you all this coming Saturday. What he is asking is UNCONSTITUTIONAL and PLEASE VOTE NO! Thank you !

Erica Nelson
Your constituent from Fond du Lac county

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:37 PM
To: 'Dawn Freund'
Subject: RE: Special session

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Dawn Freund <bndfreund@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 3:09 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Special session

Senator Stroebe I sure hope you vote against moving the voting date until May 26. There is enough chance for corruption now by what the Federal Judge did. Hopefully that gets overturned also. Thanks Bob Freund

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:39 PM
To: 'James Hess'
Subject: RE: Executive Order #73 needs to be shot down. A recall of the Governor needs to start when this is over!!!

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From: James Hess <JAMESH@postalproducts.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Executive Order #73 needs to be shot down. A recall of the Governor needs to start when this is over!!!

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:42 PM
To: 'Stalker, Patricia'
Subject: RE: April 7 vote

Patricia,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

-----Original Message-----

From: Stalker, Patricia <Patricia.Stalker@cuw.edu>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 vote

Please do NOT let the April 7 in person voting be canceled.

Thank you.

Patricia Stalker
1917 Field Cliffe Drive
Richfield Wi

Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Krueger, Heather A - MUN
Subject: RE: Volunteering as Poll Worker

Hi Heather,

Thank you for the prompt response. I'm glad we see eye-to-eye on the matter. Thank you also for speaking to the preliminary numbers in the Town thus far. It seems like they are largely reflective of what we've seen in the region and throughout the state. I agree that the record number of absentee ballot requests are not reflective of there being a significant number of voters without the opportunity to cast a vote.

I commend you and your staff and volunteers for stepping up to the task and putting yourselves in a position to administer the election safely throughout these extraordinary circumstances. I understand the level of uncertainty surrounding the situation has made an already stressful period even more challenging for our clerks. Thank you again for all that you do.

Thank you again for getting back to me,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Krueger, Heather A - MUN <clerk@town.port-washington.wi.us>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Volunteering as Poll Worker

Hi Senator,

I am among the minority, but I agree with you. For this election the Town of Port Washington has issued a ballot to 46% of our registered voters during the early-voting time frame. Of those 46%, 85% of the ballots have been returned, so I am only waiting on 15% of absentee ballots to be returned. This percentage of absentee voters is higher than we have seen in many elections, actually it is more total voters we had in the Spring Election last year. The State of WI gives voters so many opportunities to vote, and with all of the publicity of this election there are very few reasons someone is unable to cast their ballot. We are doing everything possible to keep our voting site clean & healthy and hope those voters that still want to come vote will.

I do not need assistance but appreciate the offer!

Thank you,

Heather Krueger

Clerk
Town of Port Washington
Population 1661
262-284-5235
<https://www.town.port-washington.wi.us/>

From: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:35 AM

To: townofbelgium@frontier.com; Town of Cedarburg - Eric Ryer <eryer@town.cedarburg.wi.us>; office@town.fredonia.wi.us; lkien@townofgraffton.org; Town of Port Washington - Clerk <clerk@town.port-washington.wi.us>; Town of Saukville - Clerk <clerk@town.saukville.wi.us>; lgalyardt@bayside-wi.gov; Village of Belgium - Julie Lesar <jlesar@village.belgium.wi.us>; Village of Fredonia - Sandra Tretow <stretow@village.fredonia.wi.us>; kolsen@village.graffton.wi.us; Village of Newburg - Deanna Alexander <dalexander@village.newburg.wi.us>; Village of Saukville - Mary Kay Baumann <mkbaumann@village.saukville.wi.us>; Village of Thiensville - Amy Langlois <alanglois@village.thiensville.wi.us>; City of Cedarburg - Tracie Sette <tsette@ci.cedarburg.wi.us>; cfochs@ci.mequon.wi.us; swesterbeke@ci.port-washington.wi.us

Subject: Volunteering as Poll Worker

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Please reach out to my office if you believe I can be of assistance as a volunteer. Thank you for your service in this trying time.

Duey Stroebel

(608)266-7513

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:46 PM
To: 'Village of Fredonia - Sandra Tretow'
Subject: RE: Volunteering as Poll Worker

Hi Sandi,

Thank you for getting back to me. Glad to hear the Village has stepped up to the task and has its bases covered for the election. I know the fluidity surrounding this election has only added to the stresses surrounding normal election procedures. Thank you for all that you, your staff, and volunteers continue to do.

Kind regards,

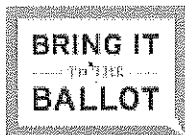
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From: Village of Fredonia - Sandra Tretow <stretow@village.fredonia.wi.us>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Volunteering as Poll Worker

Thank you, Senator. I think that is really sweet.

We are good here in Fredonia, but I appreciate the offer. I am also glad that you did not vote to change the election date.

Take care,



Wisconsin law requires photo id to vote. Learn more <https://www.bringit.wi.gov>

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From: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:35 AM

To: townofbelgium@frontier.com; Town of Cedarburg - Eric Ryer <eryer@town.cedarburg.wi.us>; office@town.fredonia.wi.us; lkien@townofgraffton.org; Town of Port Washington - Clerk <clerk@town.port-washington.wi.us>; Town of Saukville - Clerk <clerk@town.saukville.wi.us>; lgalyardt@bayside-wi.gov; Village of Belgium - Julie Lesar <jlesar@village.belgium.wi.us>; Village of Fredonia - Sandra Tretow <stretow@village.fredonia.wi.us>; kolsen@village.graffton.wi.us; Village of Newburg - Deanna Alexander <dalexander@village.newburg.wi.us>; Village of Saukville - Mary Kay Baumann <mkbaumann@village.saukville.wi.us>; Village of Thiensville - Amy Langlois <alanglois@village.thiensville.wi.us>; City of Cedarburg - Tracie Sette <tsette@ci.cedarburg.wi.us>; cfochs@ci.mequon.wi.us; swesterbeke@ci.port-washington.wi.us

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Duey Stroebe1

(608)266-7513

Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:17 AM
To: 'Bill Schneider'
Subject: RE: Tax Returns

Good to hear, Bill.

Thank you for following up to confirm. Glad you were able to get this resolved fairly quickly in the midst of the shutdown.

Have a great weekend,

Sen. Duey Stroebe1

From: Bill Schneider <swdstmaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Tax Returns

Senator Stroebe1,

Thank you for looking into this for me. I soon got a email from DOR letting me know my return was Due on 4/9/20 and it actually arrived a day early. I appreciate your help as the money was needed.

William Schneider

On Apr 3, 2020, at 12:21 PM, Swdstmaker@gmail.com <swdstmaker@gmail.com> wrote:

Sen Stroebe1
Thanks very much for your quick response.

My address is
William Schneider
1915 Woodsfield Drive
Richfield, WI 53076

Bill

On Apr 3, 2020, at 11:59 AM, Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Bill,

The DOR liaison got back to my office and provided the following information:

There is no substantial delay as a result of COVID - 19. If you have Mr. Schneider's address handy, I can have my team check into his account about what may be causing the issue.

If you would be able to provide your address, my staff is happy to re-connect with the DOR liaison and have the department's staff look into the status of your tax return.

Thanks,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 11:38 AM
To: 'Bill Schneider' <swdstmaker@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Tax Returns

Bill,

I can't necessarily speak to the average timeline for the arrival of tax refunds. Based on the conversations I've had on the topic, it appears state tax returns were being processed in roughly one to two weeks, but that was before the onset of the public health emergency. It's my understanding that the timeline fluctuates based on the volume of returns being received by DOR at any given time.

As I'm sure you know, the state and federal government both extended the tax filing deadline from April 15 to July 15, but I don't know what degree of impact that will have on the average turnaround time for refunds.

I will have my staff make an inquiry with the liaison at DOR and see if we can find out any additional information. I'll be in touch if we receive any other details.

Thanks,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Schneider <swdstmaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 11:22 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tax Returns

Senator Strobel,

Can you please inform me if there is a delay in returning taxes this year because of the virus issue. I have a substantial refund coming this year and have not received it as yet. Usually electronic returns take a week for the refund to show up but this year it's been a month and still nothing. My return was filled electronically for direct deposit to my bank account.

I would appreciate any help you can give me.

Thank You
William Schneider

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:11 AM
To: 'Lester Bartel'
Subject: RE: Press Release: Gov. Evers Directs DNR to Close 40 State Parks, Forests and Recreational Areas

Lester,

I was not aware of any forthcoming closure of national forest facilities until reading Mr. Koles' message. I don't know if you've been able to connect with your Congresspersons' offices since your last email, but here's the contact information for Rep. Grothman and Sen. Johnson's district offices:

Congressman Glenn Grothman:

- 920-907-0624
- [Email web form](#)

Senator Ron Johnson (Milwaukee office):

- 414-276-7282
- [Email web form](#)

Thanks,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Lester Bartel <LAB@cercogroup.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 10:38 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Darling <Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.OttJ <Rep.OttJ@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Press Release: Gov. Evers Directs DNR to Close 40 State Parks, Forests and Recreational Areas

Good morning again folks,

Were you aware of this possible move by the Feds? I have no contact info for our federal legislators. If you can, please find out if this is fact or not? Thank you

Lester

From: Mike Koles <mike.koles@wisctowns.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Lester Bartel <LAB@cercogroup.com>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Darling <Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.OttJ <Rep.OttJ@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Press Release: Gov. Evers Directs DNR to Close 40 State Parks, Forests and Recreational Areas

Lester:

It will be even worse tomorrow. I was just on a call with the feds and they are effectively shutting down the national forest facilities, including boat landings, tomorrow. I fish a lot in May on national forest lakes, most of which is with a canoe on remote lakes. I see a human or two in an entire day that is usually hundreds of yards away. Those landings are all closed starting tomorrow. I was born and raised up north. If you want a revolt, close down the boat landings. About the only thing worse would be to take away the 9 day gun season.

Mike

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From: Lester Bartel [<mailto:LAB@cercogroup.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Sen.Stroebebel <Sen.Stroebebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Darling (Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov) <Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks (Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.Wisconsin.gov) <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.Wisconsin.gov>; Rep.OttJ <Rep.OttJ@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Press Release: Gov. Evers Directs DNR to Close 40 State Parks, Forests and Recreational Areas

Good morning everyone, Is this really the best approach. With warmer weather coming is it possible to encourage safe use of Parks, Lakes, Golf courses and Trails? You can't lock people up forever. Wisconsin is definitely not a hotbed of COVID 19 activity. Rewarding the public for adopting safe behavior should be rewarded, not further punished. Maybe he is just trying to make up for not being able to cancel the election 😊 Someone has to get through to him that all of Wisconsin is not downtown Milwaukee. Thank you

Lester Bartel
Chairman-Town of Grafton

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 9, 2020
Contact: GovPress@wisconsin.gov or 608-219-7443

Gov. Evers Directs DNR to Close 40 State Parks, Forests, and Recreational Areas

MADISON – Gov. Tony Evers today directed the Department of Natural Resources to close several state parks to protect the health and safety of Wisconsinites.

Due to unprecedented crowds, litter, vandalism and out of an abundance of caution to protect public health and safety and help flatten the curve, the following Wisconsin State Parks, Forests and Recreational Areas will close at the end of the day Thurs., April 9, and will remain closed beginning Fri., April 10, until further notice:

Northeast Region

High Cliff State Park

Southeast Region

Big Foot Beach State Park, Harrington Beach State Park, Havenwoods State Forest, Kohler-Andrae State Park, Kettle Moraine State Forest Lapham Peak, Loew Lake, Mukwonago River, Northern Unit, Pike Lake, Southern Unit, Lakeshore State Park, and Richard Bong State Recreational Area

South Central Region

Aztalan State Park, Belmont Mound State Park, Blue Mound State Park, Cadiz Springs State Recreational Area, Capital Springs State Recreational Area, Cross Plains State Park, Devil's Lake State Park, Fenley State Recreational Area, Governor Dodge State Park, Governor Nelson State Park, Lake Kegonsa State Park, Lower Wisconsin Riverway, Mackenzie Center, Mirror Lake State Park, Natural Bridge State Park, Nelson Dewey State Park, New Glarus Woods State Park, Rocky Arbor State Park, Sauk Prairie State Recreational Area, Tower Hill State Park, Wyalusing State Park, Yellowstone Lake State Park, Gibraltar Rock State Natural Area, Pewits Nest State Natural Area, Parfrey's Glen State Natural Area and Dells of The Wisconsin River State Natural Area

"I wanted to keep state parks open for the public to enjoy during this challenging time which is why outdoor activity is listed as an essential activity under the Safer at Home order," said Gov. Tony Evers. "Unfortunately, growing difficulty with ensuring social distancing compliance, dwindling cleaning supplies and mounting trash are some of the challenges faced by our state parks staff. We have to address the growing public health and safety concern and protect Wisconsinites."

Despite waiving fees, closing state park offices, visitor centers, and non-essential buildings to help minimize the transmission of COVID-19 at parks, the situation has reached a point where public safety in the parks and surrounding communities takes precedence over keeping these locations open. If the public does not follow social distancing guidelines and vandalizes property, more state parks may have to close.

The public should follow simple steps to prevent illness and avoid exposure to this virus including:

- Avoid social gatherings with people of all ages (including playdates and sleepovers, parties, large family dinners, visitors in your home, non-essential workers in your house);
- Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and water;
- Covering coughs and sneezes;
- Avoiding touching your face; and
- Staying home.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and we encourage you and the public to frequently monitor the DHS website for updates, and to follow @DHSWI on Facebook and Twitter, or dhs.wi on Instagram. Additional information can be found on the CDC website.

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:21 AM
To: 'harald@chiselledgrape.com'
Subject: RE: Testing

Harald,

Thanks for reaching out. There's a lot to unpack in your message, but I appreciate you bringing these thoughts and concerns to my attention.

First and foremost, I'd like to thank your daughter for her efforts on the front line of this day-to-day battle. Our medical professionals and first responders are the real heroes in the ongoing response to the pandemic. I'm happy to hear that Kapco and MMS are among the manufacturers that have stepped up to the plate to help fill in the gaps with the ongoing response. These contributions cannot be overlooked and are deserving of praise.

I don't disagree with anything you've mentioned regarding the immediate need for more robust testing, treatment, contact tracing, and PPE supplies. Unfortunately, much of this begins with our public health establishment and the centralized regulatory processes put into place by the federal government. I don't want to absolve myself or the state legislature of any responsibility, but the same public health establishment was caught flat-footed with their initial response to the virus.

Gov. Evers has been granted extraordinary power throughout the duration of the public health emergency. His administration was recently given a lump sum of \$1.9 billion through the federal CARES Act to unilaterally spend on ventilators, PPE, and other medical equipment. Unfortunately, the root of the problem with the continued shortage in PPE goes much deeper than the amount of funding available.

As someone who has devoted my career to building up a small business, I understand these are incredibly trying times for our entrepreneurs. I commend you for stepping up to help in addressing the PPE shortage in the face of this uncertainty.

Thank you again for reaching out.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Harald Tomesch** <harald@chiselledgrape.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 7, 2020 at 9:05 AM
Subject: Testing
To: Duey Stroebe <dstroebe@terrace-realty.com>

Hi Duey,

Harald Tomesch here. I'm not writing about the winery but about Wisconsin. My daughter is a doctor in Sheboygan and it is hard to be away from family at this time but I have turned my plant in West Bend which makes a product to preserve wine into preserving lives. We are now manufacturing over 1000 face shields for Hospitals, clinics and front-line workers here in Wisconsin everyday with help from Kapco, Tool Inc and MMS.

I am worried about our Governor not making better strides in testing. Presumptive cases still not tested, testing antibodies for those who have recovered from the virus is just as important. If we want people to engage in the economy before effective monoclonal antibodies and vaccines are available we need - high quality masks for the public, testing much greater than during the crisis. We need Abbott (15 minute type) machines at airports, clinics, sports stadiums, universities and enough supplies to test everyone in WI over and over again. I hear nothing from the Governor and I fear he is way over his head. But we have strong leaders like you! The public is too fearful to engage and I see no leadership on bringing our state back.

Counties with zero cases should have the first most robust testing followed contact tracing and early treatments for those who get the virus. When cases reach zero in counties they should open up with best practices of social distancing in counties with high cases.

In the meanwhile our doctors have no masks- my eye doctor (emergency visit last week en Mequon had eight!) my daughter has masks for her respiratory clinics held each week but no gowns for such patient visits and she supplied her own face shields. Yes this is my anecdotal evidence but because I am supplying PPE shields to hospitals and clinics I know we do not have what we need. That is your job sir! And that is the governors job who I lament is more interested in Tuesdays elections than speaking about the crisis.

Finally, I don't know if MRH will survive. I'm thinking not. The WEDC loan we have is suspending payments until October but rates for my small business are high but overhead, etc continues. I have asked that our WEDC loan be forgiven so we can start new post crisis but I don't think that is going to happen. We are glad to be supplying PPE free of charge and hope to still be in business come fall. I have suspended cashing checks from the sale of my winery to allow Allan to come out from his dilemma too.

Here is our Go Fund Me page for Wisconsin PPE.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-fund-personal-protective-gear-shield-amp-masks>

Warm Regards, Harald Tomesch

Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:19 PM
To: 'miahansen74@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: New submission from DueyStroebe Contact Page

Maria,

Thank you for reaching out. I apologize for the delay in getting back to you.

To address the first issue you raise, I believe the "Safer at Home" order would allow you to continue to visit the boarding facility to administer daily medications, as long as the facility owners continue to allow such visits. Section 8 of the order allows individuals to leave their residence to "work for or obtain services at any Healthcare and Public Health Operations," which "includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals." Section 13 of the order covers "Essential Businesses and Operations." Paragraph C under Section 13 covers "businesses that provide food, shelter, and other necessities of life for animals, including animal shelters, boarding, rescues, kennels, and adopting facilities."

Regarding the latter points you raise, I can assure you that Senate Republicans are holding the Evers administration to account for its purported metric-driven strategy. As the April 24 sunset on the "Safer at Home" order and May 11 sunset on the statewide public health emergency declaration near, I will continue to advocate for precautions and restrictions to be only as narrowly tailored as necessary. If one thing is for certain, the current economic shutdown cannot be sustained.

Thank you again for the outreach.

Kind regards,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Maria Hansen** <miahansen74@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Apr 3, 2020 at 7:18 PM
Subject: New submission from DueyStroebe Contact Page

DUEY
STROEBEL
FOR SENATE

Contact Duey Page

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Maria Hansen

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(920) 723-7317

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Your Message

Dear Senator Strobel,

I am contacting you to ask you for your help! We board our two horses at a local horse boarding facility, and while the owners of said facility do not have a problem with their boarders coming out to administer daily medications to their horses and to look after them, we have been told that Governor Evers has defined doing so non eccentail. I am EXTREMELY disturbed and upset by this!! Both of our horses are given daily medications. Our pony is 27 years old and has multiple health issues and depending on how he is doing when we go out there, determines what medications he is given. Both animals are not just our property and pets, they are members of our family. I hope that I do not sound like a crazy horse lady, but I have had enough of Governor Evers socialist viewpoint and ask that you please tell me what I am to do.

This should not be happening, nor should any of these shelter in place orders be allowed to continue indefinitely. My 4 children have already lost precious learning time over the last 3 weeks and I am dismayed that, due to Governor Evers over exaggerating of the facts, that he is going to use this as an excuse to close schools until next fall, in an attempt to boost the state's education numbers. ? The manner in which he has managed everything thus far is an extreme abuse of power and is going to cause our state's economy to collapse. The precedent that is being set across our state, and country, is terrifying! While I am not trying to sound callous or heartless, I find this appalling because more innocent babies are killed in one single day by abortion, than the Covid-19 virus has killed in our country so far. I beg of you to please act on the behalf of your constituents to stop the overreach by Governor Evers and help us get back to work and our children back to school!

Sincerely,

Maria Hansen

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:15 AM
To: 'Sarah Malchow'
Subject: RE: Update on New Executive Order

Sarah,

Thanks for the message. On the eve of the election, the Wisconsin Elections Commission's legal counsel interpreted the SCOTUS ruling to have essentially been limited to the April 7 postmark requirement for absentee ballots received between 8:00 PM on April 7 and 4:00 PM on April 13. While you may have already read through it, here is a link to the memo that was issued to clerks following the SCOTUS ruling:

<https://elections.wi.gov/sites/elections.wi.gov/files/2020-04/Clerk%20comm%20re.%20Election%20Day%20Court%20Decisions%204.6.20.pdf>

Here's the relevant excerpt:

3) The U.S. Supreme Court decision also did not alter the provision in Judge Conley's amended order which prohibits the reporting of results until April 13. In order to ensure consistent compliance with that order, the number of ballots will be counted on Election Night but votes will not be counted until April 13.

While clerks can continue to report vote totals, the final results of the election will not be announced until after 4:00 PM on April 13.

Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Sarah Malchow <sarah.j.malchow@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 5:04 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Update on New Executive Order

Senator:

Why has the WEC delayed the ballot count until April 13? SCOTUS overruled the judges ENTIRE order to delay the election. That includes the delay of the count.

Time is of the essence! If we are to preserve the sanctity of this spring election, we need strong, decisive, and bold leadership.

I implore you to please look into this matter as soon as possible, consulting with your other colleagues as needed, as well as any legal scholars.

The sanctity of our vote deserves this.

Thank you for your leadership. It's been a pleasure to run into you in the course Josh Schoemann's campaign and Dan Kelly's campaigns here in Washington County.

Best regards,

Sarah J Malchow

On Tue, Mar 24, 2020, 3:27 PM Senator Duey Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Friends,

As you likely know, Governor Evers issued a new order restricting movement and commerce in an attempt to limit the spread of COVID-19. I have been critical of the order. However, this email is solely an attempt to explain the new order as best as we are able.

Here is a link to Governor Evers's new 'Safer at Home' order. It takes effect tomorrow morning at 8am and lasts 30 days until Friday, April 24th unless rescinded or altered by the Governor. It is 16 pages long and contains many specific language regarding activities and occupations exempted from the provisions. I encourage you to read the document. My office is open to answer questions as best we can.

What will NOT change tomorrow?

- Most restrictions that were in place from last week are retained. If you work in one of the businesses previously closed, you are likely still closed.
- You are still allowed outside for health and recreation provided you maintain social distancing.
- You can still leave your home to purchase essential goods and to travel to work at essential businesses.

- Local law enforcement is still empowered to enforce all provisions of the order with up to 30 days of imprisonment.
- Schools will remain closed to everything but virtual learning.
- 6 feet of social distancing in all settings outside your home continues to be observed whenever possible.

What does change tomorrow?

- People are ordered to remain in their domicile except for essential business and life needs as outlined in the order.
- The 10 person rule on social gatherings is gone and replaced with no social gatherings inside or outside the home other than provided for by an exemption.
- Travelling is restricted to purposes authorized in the order.
- Guidance is provided that religious worship and services are allowed as gatherings with limitations.
- A new batch of businesses are declared essential.

Do I work in an essential business?

- It appears all businesses covered in last week's exemptions remain.
- Generally, the following fields are all deemed essential: healthcare, human/social services, infrastructure, utilities, law enforcement/public protection, grocery stores, pharmacies, hardware stores, household goods stores, food and beverage production/transport, agriculture, restaurants and bars with restrictions, child care, non-profit charitable services organizations, religious facilities, building trades, supply chain, transportation, manufacturing and hotels with restrictions.
- The list of exempted industries and occupations is too long for me to list here. The above categories and others are broken out in greater detail as well. Please check the order first for specific questions.

This order is subject to change by the governor. He has emergency powers under his declaration until May 11th. My office remains open to provide any answers and guidance we can.

Stay well,

Duey Stroebel



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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 5:11 PM
To: 'seader@wi.rr.com'
Subject: RE: New submission from DueyStroebe Contact Page

Steve,

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Wisconsin's election system is administered in a decentralized fashion. In light of 5,000 Army National Guard members being activated, trained, and assigned to the municipalities in need of polling place volunteers throughout the state, I don't believe the leadership in the City of Milwaukee and the City of Waukesha have anyone to blame but themselves for failing to adopt and execute an adequate contingency plan. For reference, the City of Madison had 66 of its 93 polling locations open today (over two-thirds of its polling locations). Moreover, densely populated areas like Milwaukee offered an extended period of in-person absentee voting, and voters throughout the state had several weeks to request mailed absentee ballots in light of the risks presented by COVID-19.

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While I understand we are faced with unique circumstances that require additional precautions to be taken, I believe it's important to ensure the continuity of government and avoid vacancies in our judiciary and local governments. Our robust election system has stood up to trying circumstances in the past, with examples including the Civil War, the peak of the 1918 Spanish Flu, and two World Wars.

Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

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From: **steve eader** <seader@wi.rr.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 7, 2020 at 3:05 PM
Subject: New submission from DueyStroebe Contact Page

DUEY STROEBEL FOR SENATE

Contact Duey Page

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Your Message

I think the Republican parties great efforts to not postpone the election are just another form of voter suppression. Make it harder for them to get out and vote and we may just win, lets draw the district maps in our favor and we might just win. Milwaukee only has 5 out of 180 polling places open and Waukesha only has one polling place open because they cant get enough volunteers. How is this going to make for a fair election? This election is a farce and every republican should volunteer their family members to be polling place volunteers!!! What do you think Duey step up and send your wife down to Milwaukee to be a polling place volunteer!!

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:57 PM
To: 'blindert3@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Election

Barb,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules (election law) of the game should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I served as a poll worker in the City of Cedarburg today because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:21 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Message Subject

Election

Message

Dear Sen. Strobel,

The Legislature had better stay on their toes and alert this week before election day when I hear Evers say there is no reason to delay the election . You know he lies. That's all I need to say.

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:56 PM
To: 'Judy Rupnow'
Subject: RE: Please delay the April 7 vote

Judy,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules (election law) of the game should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I served as a poll worker in the City of Cedarburg today because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Judy Rupnow <juddz@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 8:21 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please delay the April 7 vote

Dear Senator Stroebel,

I am completely outraged by the State of Wisconsin's refusal to delay the April 7 vote. Bringing people together on April 7 seriously jeopardizes the welfare and safety of the people of Wisconsin and eschews all logic considering the current state of affairs and Wisconsin's own "safer at home" orders.

The State is telling non-essential businesses to close and people to stay at home, yet they encourage the public to come out and vote in their local communities – whether in-person early voting or at the polls. This action, besides being a hypocritical at its core, demonstrates reckless and irresponsible action by our State official that threatens the health and well being of every member of this state. Wisconsin's own doctors have said this pandemic will get much worse in the next several weeks. So why are we helping aid the spread of the virus by making people gather?

Beyond the public health risk there is little hope that anyone – candidate or supporter – is going to respect the validity of the vote. As municipal Clerk's are scrambling to fill absentee ballots and find poll workers, the ability to execute a fair and open election is questionable at best.

Other states have used common sense to either move their election day or change to a mail-in process over an extended period of time.

Please consider the health of every voter, every poll worker and every municipal Clerk. The future health of our State's people lies in your hands. Delay the April 7 vote.

Sincerely,

Judy Rupnow
Jackson, WI

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:55 PM
To: 'Craig Hoeppner'
Subject: RE: DELAY voting on April 7

Craig,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules (election law) of the game should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I served as a poll worker in the City of Cedarburg today because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Craig Hoeppner <craigerh@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 7:42 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: DELAY voting on April 7

Dear Senator Stroebel-

The State of Wisconsin needs to **DELAY** the April 7 vote. Maintaining an April 7 vote date not only puts the people of Wisconsin in serious danger, but also bears no logical reasoning considering the current state of affairs and Wisconsin's own "safer at home" orders.

The State is telling non-essential businesses to close and people to stay at home, yet they encourage the public to come out and vote in their local communities. Most of them elderly. It is total hypocrisy for the state to then require everyone to gather at the polls as if nothing else is going on. It is a highly reckless move that will threaten the wellness of every member of this state. Even the President of the United States has said that "social distancing" will remain in effect through April 30th.

Previously, I worked for the City of West Bend and now work for the City of Oconomowoc. As a member of the City of Oconomowoc's senior leadership team, I have been called upon to help the clerk's office process absentee ballots for three of the last five days. The clerk's office is completely overwhelmed with mail-in ballot requests. Keeping up with the demand is impossible and is placing incredible strain on the clerk's office and other city staff. As you also know,

most regular poll workers have already declined to work next week which is putting an extreme burden on our clerk's office and staff by trying to find and properly train replacements at the last hour. Our City doesn't even know what polling places will be available, as all four of our sites are currently closed.

Other states have used common sense to either move their election day or change to a mail-in process over an extended period of time.

Please consider the health of every voter, every poll worker, every municipal staff member and every municipal Clerk. The future health of our State population lies in your hands.

Sincerely,

Craig Hoeppner
Jackson, WI

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:54 PM
To: 'David Lemke'
Subject: RE: Mail in election

Dave,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: David Lemke <dmlemke79@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 2:55 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Mail in election

Senator Stroebel, I implore you to do everything you can to stop the Governors plan to have a mail in ballot election! The fact that they are ignoring the voter ID law and sending ballots to people who should not be voting is outrageous! This is voter fraud on steroids and is being promoted by a governor and other elected officials who have sworn to uphold the law. As I said to Evers, The majority of the people in Wisconsin do not live in the "Peoples Republic of Madison or Milwaukee" These are the types of elections that dictatorships/communists/socialists hold! A free Republic does not do things this way. Please do what you can to stop this gross violation of our laws. Thanks Dave Lemke Hartford

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:52 PM
To: 'John Crow'
Subject: RE: Request to Postpone the April 7th Spring Election

John,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules (election law) of the game should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I served as a poll worker in the City of Cedarburg today because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: John Crow <johncrow.wi@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 7:35 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Request to Postpone the April 7th Spring Election

Senator Stroebe & Representative Brooks,

I strongly urge you to take any and all actions to postpone the April 7th Spring Election & Presidential Preference.

I urgently believe voter turn out will be extremely low due to the current process in place. In addition, the current system of voting across our state will potentially exclude many voters from the process creating a distorted, partial electorate. Other states such as Ohio have recognized the risk in proceeding forward at this time.

Absentee Vote Challenges

Our current process is exclusionary and discourages the electorate from voting. While my situation is anecdotal, the rationale behind it can be applied more broadly. I work as a commercial pilot and my work schedule changes each month (and under the current COVID-19 situation, more frequently). Therefore, I must frequently vote by absentee ballot, preferably in-person with the Clerk's Office.

I wanted to vote in person absentee on Friday, 3/20, as voters in Milwaukee and Dane Counties have been able to do since mid-March.

On that date, I suspected and confirmed with the City of Cedarburg Clerk's Office, I would not be able to vote here in Cedarburg until Monday, 3/23.

The clerk's office also informed me about the limited hours and referred me to the City website.

We discussed and I requested an absentee ballot thru the MyVote Wisconsin website on Monday morning, 3/23.

As of 5:00 pm today, Friday, 3/27, I have not yet received my ballot.

I will be unable to vote in-person at any of the limited hours due to my work schedule nor will I be able to vote on election day.

As a side note, I understand the Town of Cedarburg residents have been able to vote from 8 am to 4:30 pm since 3/23.

I wish to coordinate this email with the mayor and my alderman but have been unable to find their email addresses.

Election Day Voting may be problematic.

I've previously worked as an election inspector.

If it has not already been done, you will want the Clerks to find out how many inspectors will be present to work election day.

Given a large segment of the inspectors are in the COVID-19 at risk population, I would not be surprised if our numbers are greatly reduced.

This could result in the outright cancellation of voting on election day in many districts.

If we are unable to support in person voting on election day combined with the deficiencies and variations in the absentee process, I fear we will have disenfranchised numerous Wisconsin voters.

Recommendation:

Postpone until May and align this election with the already scheduled May 12th 7th District Congressional race.

It would give time to create and implement a more representative process.

If that is not feasible, then delay until June.

Respectfully,

John Crow
Cedar Pointe Ave
Cedarburg, WI 53012

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:52 PM
To: 'Kenneth V Schmidt'
Subject: RE: Move Spring Election

Ken,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules (election law) of the game should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I served as a poll worker in the City of Cedarburg today because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Kenneth V Schmidt <schmidt.kv@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:16 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Move Spring Election

Senator Stroebe -

I would urge you to do what you can to encourage Governor Evers to postpone the 2020 Spring Election to May. Holding it now disenfranchises a number of voters due to concerns about the COVID-19 virus. Voting by mail opens the flood gates to more fraud. If Evers could designate a special election up in 7th Congressional District for May 12, 2020 why can't we have this April 7 election moved to that date?

Please do what you can to get this moved! Thanks!

Ken Schmidt

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:50 PM
To: 'jonyl2@att.net'
Subject: RE: Voting and virus

John,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules (election law) of the game should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I served as a poll worker in the City of Cedarburg today because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 6:36 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact was submitted

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I would like a member of the senator's staff to call me at the number provided below.

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jonyl2@att.net

Name

John Liebherr

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220 so. 18th Ave

City, State Zip Code

west bend

Phone

2623343983

Message Subject

Voting and virus

Message

Dear Senator Stroebel, With this Pandemic panic going on, schools shutting down, business's closing, why cant this issue at least postpone the April 7th election for the same if not a longer time period as is with The Governor's "half baked" stay at home policy ?

Seems to me that this would be the sensible thing to do in as it isn't placing any more pressure on getting the vote out at all costs. How many elderly are going to miss out on voting because they don't have the means to apply on line for a ballot ? Please, step back and take a breath and let common sense back into our lives by putting the brakes on this panic !

I appreciate the work that you are doing and for looking out for our best interests for the people of Wisconsin whether they realize it or not. But please give us all a reprieve from this Pandemic Panic. The press has run this amok where it doesn't even make sense anymore.

Thank you Senator, a concerned and troubled voter worried about when the next shoe is going to drop and what the consequences will be when it does.....

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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:49 PM
To: 'sevenhillscreations@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Take action now to ensure every voter can safely cast a ballot on April 7

Mary,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules (election law) of the game should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I served as a poll worker in the City of Cedarburg today because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: sevenhillscreations@everyactionadvocacy.com <sevenhillscreations@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Take action now to ensure every voter can safely cast a ballot on April 7

Dear Senator Duey Stroebel,

Your constituents are currently navigating major priority shifts and mounting challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic – bills, child care, health care, uprooted schedules, and personal and family logistics that are challenging even in normal times.

Voting in the Spring Election and Presidential Primary should not carry any extra burden on your constituents – and certainly not be detrimental to their health and safety. This is especially so for populations already carrying the lion's share of burden and risk.

At this critical moment, I ask that you help your constituents safely exercise their most fundamental right by:

- Mailing an absentee ballot to every registered voter. The absentee ballots must include pre-paid return postage and a list of options for casting them.

- Shift emergency funds and staff to support the clerks' offices in these efforts.
- Fund a public information campaign to inform voters about absentee voting and keep them apprised of any changes to the process

I urge you to support these measures and implement them quickly.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Boyle

418 Hillcrest Ct Port Washington, WI 53074-1544 sevenhillscreations@gmail.com

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:48 PM
To: 'Steve Vepraskas'
Subject: RE: Upcoming Elections

Diane,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Steve Vepraskas <svepraskas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:45 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Upcoming Elections

Dear Sen. Stroebel,

Due to our unprecedented COVID-19 situation and upcoming elections, I would propose that an absentee ballot be issued to every registered voter in the state. We should make it easier for everyone to fully participate in our democracy and yet keep everyone safe.

Thank you, Diane Vepraskas

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:47 PM
To: 'alnkathy'
Subject: RE: April 7 Elections

Butch,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: alnkathy <alnkathy@charter.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:24 PM
To: Cordova, Joseph A - DHS <Joseph.Cordova@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rep.Gundrum <Rep.Gundrum@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 Elections

Mr. Cordova,

Some folks are not taking this health issue seriously. I'm sure you have no doubt of the severity of the issue with COVID-19.

As Chairman of the Town of Polk, I am beyond concerned for the health and well being of my office staff and poll workers, not to mention the general public. Following CDC guidelines is a great rule of thumb, but this illness is nothing to gamble with. I totally understand health workers position and I pray they will be safe. An election, no matter how important it is in our government operation, we are resilient enough to function as a government under existing leadership for another month or two.

I ask you to request Governor Evers to step up, take the hard stand that we know he is capable of, and postpone this election for the good of the people in the State of Wisconsin and beyond. Politics is no excuse to stop this election, and it shouldn't, but the health of our families, neighbors and constituents are of the utmost importance.

Thank you for your time.

Albert Schulteis

Chairman, Town of Polk, Washington County

262-853-8185

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:45 PM
To: 'Nautsx2'
Subject: RE: [Possible SPAM] WISCONSIN SPRING ELECTIONS

Diane,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Nautsx2 <nautsx2@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 5:26 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: [Possible SPAM] WISCONSIN SPRING ELECTIONS
Importance: Low

I HAVE A VERY GRAVE CONCERN REGARDING THE SPRING ELECTIONS IN WISCONSIN. AS OF THIS WRITING ALL THE OTHER STATES FOR THIS ELECTION HAVE POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE. I HAVE STRONGLY URGED THE GOVERNOR TO DO THE SAME. HE HAS MADE CORRECT MOVES BY CLOSING BARS, RESTAURANTS AND RECENTLY HAIR STYLISTS AND BARBERS, ETC. , BUT HAS IGNORED THE SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS AND POLL WORKERS. AS A REGISTRATION POLL WORKER IN GRAFTON I ALONG WITH MANY OTHER WORKERS I HAVE TALKED TO "WILL NOT" WORK AT THE APRIL SPRING ELECTION IF HE DECIDES TO PROCEED. AS I MENTIONED TO HIM, IT HAS BEEN RUMORED THAT FOR POLITICAL REASONS HE WILL NOT POSTPONE THE ELECTIONS TO A LATER DATE - I CERTAINLY HOPE THIS IS NOT TRUE!

THANK YOU.

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:44 PM
To: 'Randy Hemling'
Subject: RE: April voting

Randy,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules (election law) of the game should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I served as a poll worker in the City of Cedarburg today because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Randy Hemling <randyh@advancedenergycontrol.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April voting

Sen. Stroebel, why is the state of WI not postponing the April election, this is a health issue, absentee ballots are a hassle, can we get this postponed?

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Randy Hemling
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Randolph, WI 53956
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randyh@advancedenergycontrol.com

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:32 PM
To: 'Steven Sizer'
Subject: RE: WI primary voting on April 7th

Steven,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Steven Sizer <sizerst@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: WI primary voting on April 7th

Dear Senator Stroebel,

Like many WI residents, I am frustrated and outraged with the WI supreme court's decision to put the health and safety so many people at risk by overturning governor Ever's voting delay. This decision forces many WI residents to make the choice between exercising their right to vote and the health and well being of themselves and their loved ones. Instead of social distancing and quarantining per National, state, and CDC recommendations, our representatives are encouraging us to go out in person to vote and risk exacerbating the COVID-19 pandemic during a critical time. As you have likely heard, we are approaching what is projected to be the apex of the pandemic, and now is our opportunity to flatten the curve – the lives of many of our nation's most vulnerable depend on us doing so. This feckless decision forces many WI residents to make the choice between exercising their right to vote and the health and well-being of themselves and their families.

Personally, I am a graduate student who moved home because UW-Milwaukee's campus closed, and I do not think I can bring myself to vote today because both my parents are in their early to mid 60's and I will not risk their lives by unnecessarily exposing them.

I am disappointed that during an historic pandemic our representatives valued political leveraging over the health and safety of those they supposedly serve. I hope that our representatives remember who it is that they serve going forward because we will remember this the next time we vote.

Sincerely,

Steven Sizer

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:30 PM
To: 'Rob Soener'
Subject: RE: Spring 2020 Elections

Rob,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules (election law) of the game should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I served as a poll worker in the City of Cedarburg today because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Rob Soener <soenerob@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Spring 2020 Elections

Dear Senator Stroebel,

My name is Robert Soener and I am a resident of Jackson. I am writing this email because I am extremely disappointed by the election process this Spring, specifically by the decision to continue forward with the planned voting schedule despite the current COVID19 pandemic.

First of all, the absentee ballots appear to have been handled very poorly and need more time to be properly processed. Both my wife and I requested mail in absentee ballots via the "My Vote Wisconsin" website prior to the April 3 deadline, yet we have not received our ballots. Anecdotally I have heard that this is also the case for many other voters who requested absentee ballots. Personally I have a 45 minute commute to work 12 hour shifts during the day at the St. Agnes Hospital Emergency Department, and I am unable to vote in person due to my schedule. Even if I was able to attend in person polling today, I would feel very uncomfortable potentially exposing other voters and poll workers to any COVID I may have on me from working in the ER. I am sure others who requested absentee ballots are in similar circumstances as me. I also feel confident saying that many voters, especially those at high risk from COVID, do not want to be exposed to potential COVID carriers in order to vote. Due to all of this I find it unacceptable that many have not received their absentee ballots. Not only does this disenfranchise people, but it forces some to risk their health and livelihood in order to vote.

The additional closing of many polling sites throughout the state further disenfranchises many Wisconsin citizens. In some locations this is forcing voters to stand in crowded lines with a high risk for COVID exposure for potentially hours. Health risks aside, there are a number of people who I am sure cannot take enough time out of their day to stand in line for hours. In other areas I would wager that people are unable to even reach a polling site. All the polling sites are needed to ensure a fair and safe chance for each Wisconsin citizen to vote, even if that means delaying an election. To do otherwise is a social injustice.

In addition even keeping some of the polling sites open during the height of this pandemic puts the poll workers, many of whom are at high risk for COVID complications, at an especially high risk. They will be exposed to countless potential COVID carriers, despite precautions, and there will likely be more than one person who gets COVID from working the polls today. It is also possible that infected asymptomatic poll workers could spread the virus to many healthy voters. While I understand poll workers play an essential role in the election process, we should be trying to protect as many of these workers as possible by either having them work remotely, or delaying the election until the pandemic is better controlled.

An open and safe democratic process is one of the cornerstones of our society, and it is something I firmly believe in as, I am sure, do you. I understand that it is important to avoid executive interference and potential fraud in order to protect the integrity of the system. I also know that you are concerned about public health and encouraged absentee voting. However, given the lack of absentee ballots, closed polling sites, and high public health risk I think it is unacceptable and dangerous to continue forward with the Spring election as planned. I am very disappointed with how you and your Republican fellows have fought against a delay in the polling process, and personally I feel disenfranchised. I am sure there are many others who feel similar, and even more who feel they are risking their health in today's election. I would hope that in the future you are more willing to work with the Governor to make polling as safe and open as possible, even if that means adjusting and/or delaying the process.

Thank you for your time and hearing my concerns,
Sincerely,
Robert J. Soener

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:24 PM
To: 'Beyer, Olivia N'
Subject: RE: Voting 7/7/2020

Olivia,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules (election law) of the game should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I served as a poll worker in the City of Cedarburg today because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Beyer, Olivia N <olivia.beyer@cuw.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:30 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting 7/7/2020

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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:24 PM
To: 'BHJensen'
Subject: RE: Thanks

Brian,

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From: BHJensen <bjensen68@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Thanks

Hello Senator Stroebel,
Just a short note to thank you for this fiasco of an election day. While I have voted for republicans many times in the past I won't be doing so again.
This foolishness is nothing more keeping voter turnout down.
You should be embarrassed. I am for Wisconsin
Brian Jensen
Brian H Jensen
525 Decker Drive
West Bend, WI 53090

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:21 PM
To: 'jane'
Subject: RE: Big Mistake

Jane,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules (election law) of the game should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I served as a poll worker in the City of Cedarburg today because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: jane <jane@jdhirst.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:53 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Big Mistake

It is a big mistake not to postpone the election. You have put my life in danger! Shame on you. Stand up for everyone not just the chosen few. Next time you are on the ballot I won't be voting for you.

PS Stop by the polls and shake a few hands!

Jane Hirst
9114 Edge O Woods Drive
Cedarburg WI

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:08 PM
To: 'Luke tennies'
Subject: RE: Early voting concerns

Luke,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I served as a poll worker in the City of Cedarburg today because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message and support,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Luke tennies <lvtenn@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Early voting concerns

Sen. Stroebel,

Hello, My name is Luke Tennies, I live near Slinger and vote in the Town of Polk. I am a U.S. Marine combat veteran. My wife and I have been learning about the way Evers is using this virus situation and manipulating the way early voting works across the state. My wife and I usually vote the day of the election, but we are concerned Evers is going to be unpredictable as we get closer to that date so now we want to early vote. The Town of Polk has drastically changed their hours this week and my wife is a healthcare provider and now based on their new restricted hours might not be able to early vote. We prefer not to mail in either seeing how past elections have miraculously found thousands of uncounted mail in ballots. It would even be helpful if they could get the new hours posted to the town website.

I find it ridiculous that this election is not postponed given the circumstances we find ourselves in. The fact that Milwaukee and Madison start voting earlier is obviously ridiculous. Early voting time should be standardized across the state to the hour. I support you and encourage you to fight hard and nasty. I appreciate your emails and would like you to get louder about this election scandal that is in front of our eyes. I am a Trump supporter, I am not raising my children to act like President Trump, but that man knows how to fight democrats. Please do

not be afraid to use some of his tactics, in your own way. Loudly, for all to hear, call out to the democrats and Evers face what is going on with this election. Cause confrontation, democrats are use to republicans shying away.

If Kelly isn't reelected and their was no fight, I will be pissed. The media will attack you, but remember your voters will have your back.

Sorry for the long email
Still supporting you,
Luke

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:07 PM
To: 'amyverhaalen@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: PLEASE DELAY CEDARBURG PRIMARY ELECTION

Amy,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I served as a poll worker in the City of Cedarburg today because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: amyverhaalen@gmail.com <amyverhaalen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 7:55 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Reb.rob.brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov; WIhelpdesk@egov.com
Subject: PLEASE DELAY CEDARBURG PRIMARY ELECTION

Hello, my name is Amy Verhaalen. I work as a Nurse Practitioner at a Grafton Hospitals and have the unfortunate experience to see first hand the serious nature of the tragedy we know as COVID-19. In Wisconsin, as in many states, we have testing supplies to check ill employees and hospitalized patients but not the average citizen with symptoms, as such, the actual number infected is grossly under reported and inaccurate. Currently my brother-in-law and his son both suffer from COVID-like symptoms (Influenza was negative, fevers to 102, weakness, cough and throwing up). Based on their symptoms, the time frame and my medical expertise they have COVID but will never get tested. The point I'm trying to make is that there are many in our community that have the virus but the government will never know the numbers because we are testing only a few.

Given my experience, I have been requested by my husband (Alderman Rick Verhaalen) as well as our Mayor to assist on providing some recommendations to improve the upcoming election environment in Cedarburg in effort to keep our community safe.

I have spent time considering...hand gel in and out, plexiglass between voter and volunteer, taping sections to keep 6 ft apart as well as bleach wiping pens & voting tables. In the end, the conclusion I have come up with is that I personally

don't believe you can have a safe public election in our town next week given the large number of people that would be anticipated to pass through a narrow time span. Most recent data suggests the younger, healthy patients actually shed the virus before they experience symptoms, as such, the potential for cross-contamination is extremely high.

As you likely already know, the University of Washington Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation moved Wisconsin peak COVID day up a month to April 25th. I would implore you to defer the primary election date or consider an alternative means of collecting votes in this current pandemic state. I believe holding an open election in Cedarburg next week is placing our community at way too high of risk.

Sincerely,
Amy Verhaalen, NP

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:04 PM
To: 'Lester Bartel'
Subject: RE: ELECTION

Lester,

I understand I glossed over a few of your emails regarding today's election. I had been meaning to follow up with you to provide an explanation of the position I have held regarding today's election for several weeks now.

I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I served as a poll worker in the City of Cedarburg today because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Lester Bartel <LAB@cercogroup.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 1:53 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Darling <Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.OttJ <Rep.OttJ@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: ELECTION

Good afternoon to all of you.

Please, PLEASE do not support this asinine move by the Governor. Our staff people have taken all they can handle. Allowing counting of late arriving absentee ballots until April 13th is fine. But this is just plain cruel. **Sending ballots to people who have not requested them is just plain nuts!** Has he even thought about the cost of this much less the toll on clerks and office staff? This has to end. Trying to make up now for what should have been done weeks ago is just bad planning. PLEASE VOTE NO!

Thank you

Lester Bartel
Chairman-Town of Grafton

From: MacCarthy, Sara J. <SMacCarthy@hallrender.com>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Lester Bartel <LAB@cercogroup.com>
Subject: ELECTION

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Sen.StroebeI

From: Sen.StroebeI
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:57 PM
To: 'Nikole Kohn'
Subject: RE: Please Delay Elections

Nikole,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey StroebeI

From: Nikole Kohn <ngkohn2003@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Sen.StroebeI <Sen.StroebeI@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please Delay Elections

Mr. StroebeI,

As the wife of an essential worker, I ask that you delay the Wisconsin elections on April 7th. Not only will the virus be spread to voters and poll volunteers which could lead to a large increase of infections, we are also increasing the risk of infecting essential workers such as police officers and city/village employees.

Many voting locations are in city or village halls in rooms shared by local police officers or village employees. For example, in Kewaskum, the poll volunteers and voters will be using the same one person restroom as all the police officers. And the room where they will be voting opens directly to where the police officers and village employees store their meals for lunch breaks.

If one of the Kewaskum village employees happens to be carrying the virus, that one person could put all voters at risk. If one Kewaskum voter is carrying the virus, that could cause a quarantine of all village employees/emergency personnel at that location.

One sneeze of an infected person in that restroom could impact all voters and village employees due to how long the virus lives on surfaces and in the air. There is no staff to adequately clean these areas numerous times throughout the voting day nor to perform a thorough cleaning post-election.

Now multiply that risk across all voting municipalities. That's the reality of what will happen if voting is not postponed.

Also, due to the shortage of masks, sanitizing wipes, and hand sanitizer across the nation, shouldn't we be saving those items for the essential workers who need them? Postponing the elections means saving PPE for the people who truly need it NOW such as healthcare workers, EMT's, fire fighters, police officers, high risk individuals, etc...

I implore you to consider the risk of infrastructure impact by allowing the virus to spread rapidly due this election. Please postpone the election to help prevent the spread of the virus. Postponing will prevent deaths; allow healthcare workers to better care for those infected by keeping numbers down; allow municipalities to remain staffed with fire, police, EMT's, and other essential workers; and save on equipment and supplies for those that need them.

How the elected officials in Wisconsin choose to handle this election will impact voters' choices on future elections.

Sincerely,

Nikole Kohn

45A South Street

Hartford, WI 53027

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:56 PM
To: 'Michael Gasper'
Subject: RE: April 7th Election - A Delay is Needed

Michael,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Michael Gasper <mgasper@cpwwi.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7th Election - A Delay is Needed

To The Honorable Senator Duey Stroebe,

I am writing to encourage you and the Wisconsin Legislature to move next Tuesday's election to a future date. Due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, cities, such as Port Washington, are finding it difficult to staff this election with volunteers, and are being forced to shut down polling locations. In Port Washington, we will only have two polling locations, instead of our typical three. This puts us at risk of having delays and lines at our remaining polling locations. During the current pandemic, the CDC encourages us to keep six feet from other individuals, something not conducive to lines (they also encourage us to stay home, conducive to neither lines nor voting).

Since it is important to encourage voting turnout, and to make sure that all candidates and future office holders are not tarred with any sense of illegitimacy due to the circumstances in which the election is held, I would propose that this election be held off until June 2nd. This will (hopefully) provide for an adequate time for COVID-19 to run its course, and for society to return to a sense of "normalcy." Already cast early voting and

absentee ballots should be held sealed until this date, as they have already voted, and ballots (as already printed) will be used for the election with no changes.

This would also require for all current (in particular, municipal officeholders) to have their terms extended by two months. Otherwise in cities, such as Port Washington, we would not be able to hold a Common Council meeting due to a lack of a quorum during this interim period.

Wisconsin is already becoming a national laughingstock by not delaying this election. And while the Governor has not called to do so, this is firmly the Legislature's responsibility—the Governor does not need to propose actions before the Legislature acts, nor is he empowered to move unilaterally on this issue. Pass a bill to delay the election, and if the Governor vetoes it, it is on him (at the same time, don't add anything unrelated to the bill that will prompt, rightly so, a veto).

This should not be a matter of political gamesmanship, it is a matter of public health and confidence in our democratic institutions. I implore you to work with the Senate leadership, colleagues, and opposition to make this happen.

I am sending a similar letter to Representative Brooks, encouraging action in the Assembly, and will be publishing this letter on my aldermanic Facebook page.

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:51 PM
To: 'Valters Lauzums'
Subject: RE: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Valters,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Valters Lauzums <vlauzums@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Hi Senator Stroebe,

Could you help me understand why the state legislature did not postpone the election? My elderly father is concerned about his health.

Valters Lauzums
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On Fri, Apr 3, 2020 at 10:07 AM Senator Duey Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Friends,

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve I wanted to share a few helpful links and details. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if you have questions about other issues that are not addressed below. We can be reached by [email](#) or by phone at (608) 266-7513.

April 3 Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots for April 7 Election

Earlier this week, [a federal judge ruled](#) that voters in Wisconsin have until 5:00 PM today to request an absentee ballot. Regardless of where you live in Wisconsin, you can request an absentee ballot [here](#).

Many communities in our area are still offering early in-person voting as well. You can contact your local clerk to learn more about those opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who has participated or plans to participate in this election as a voter or poll worker.

Helpful Links on COVID-19

I know we all have questions about COVID-19 and the related issues we are facing. To help answer some of the most frequent questions my office has received I wanted to provide you links to a series of resources.

- [Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [The Wisconsin Department of Health Services - COVID-19 Web Page](#)
- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Business Resources Page](#)
- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Essential Business Declaration Page](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Internal Revenue Service - Information on Economic Impact Payments](#)

Your local County Health Department is also a key resource if you believe you may have COVID-19. I applaud those working in the healthcare field that are not only working to treat those impacted by COVID-19, but to share timely information with the public.

Stay well,

Duey Stroebel



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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:47 PM
To: 'dbatchelet@charter.net'
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Dennis,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Dennis Batchelet <dbatchelet@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please postpone in-person voting

Duey Stroebe,

As your constituent, I'm concerned about our state's current plan to move forward with in-person voting this Tuesday. Voters shouldn't have to choose between risking their health, and giving up their right to vote -- but that's exactly what they'll be forced to do.

Gov. Tony Evers has just called a special legislative session for tomorrow, Saturday April 4th, and is urging the legislature to take the necessary steps to protect public health and voters' rights.

I hope you will support the proposal to expand absentee voting until May 19th, provide every registered voter with a ballot, and provide safe in-person voting opportunities for voters with disabilities and others who are unable to vote by mail.

Thank you for your time,

Dennis Batchelet

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:44 PM
To: 'mciha52@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Mary,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Mary Ciha <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please postpone in-person voting

Duey Stroebe,

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Thank you for your time,

Mary Ciha

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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:43 PM
To: 'dianeryan1305@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Diane,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Diane Ryan <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please postpone in-person voting

Duey Stroebel,

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Thank you for your time,

Diane Ryan

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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:40 PM
To: 'drcary78@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Ruth,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Ruth Cary <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 4:06 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please postpone in-person voting

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Ruth Cary

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:39 PM
To: 'Tim'
Subject: RE: April 7 election

Tim,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: Tim <tprasch@att.net>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 4:27 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 election

Dear Mr Strobel,

I am a resident of West Bend and a republican. I urge you to either switch the date of this next election or let it be absentee ballot only. I know there is an argument for it being too late to change but there is NOTHING more critically important than protecting our state against further spread of coronavirus. Having an in person election presents unnecessary risk. There isn't a single healthcare authority that is on the side of having this election in person. This is running a close cousin in foolishness to Florida keeping the beaches open during spring break and New Orleans having Mardi Gras. Please vote to not have an in person election. It is the only safe choice

Timothy Prasch
1330 N Glenwood Circle
West Bend WI 53090
Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:36 PM
To: 'mary weigand'
Subject: RE: PLEASE don't delay election

Mary,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: mary weigand <weigandmary@att.net>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:11 PM
To: Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: PLEASE don't delay election

Please do not play into Mr. Ever's hands. He has a reason for wanting to delay the spring election, and it is NOT to save lives or help anyone buy HIMSELF and his friends.

Absentee ballots are out. I voted weeks ago.
My family has voted.
And more.

PLEASE STAND FIRM!

Mary P. Weigand

What's the Evidence

Philippians 4:8-9

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:35 PM
To: 'Brian Hubbard'
Subject: RE: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Brian,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Brian Hubbard <bashubbard@live.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:11 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

When you return to the governors demand for the legislature special session tomorrow, keep in mind he cannot force you to take anything up - only to show up. The legislature is free to decide on its own what it takes up.

I would ask that the first resolution the legislature takes up is a vote of no-confidence with the governor. Failing to do so leaves a defacto support of the governor - which I challenge you to support.

In regards to the election - the governor and the courts are and will be running wild. What can actually be done is to preserve the evidence of the election.

There is no reason that the in-person absentee ballots, and the in-person ballots, along with the mail-in absentee ballots that are post marked April 7 and earlier as one set of evidentiary evidence. There is no reason this cannot be preserved as the evidence that it is without disclosure for the contested 6 days.

There is also no reason the unconstitutional ballots received/postmarked between April 7 and April 13 can also be preserved as a second set of evidence while that battle plays out.

Allowing them to be combined is actually the willful destruction of evidence.

There is no reason other than the willful intent to contaminate the election results by combining both sets as an indistinguishable single result.

This is what Judicial stays are about - preventing irreversible harm to the results.

This is not a hardship. This should be easy to implement. This is a real possibility.

There is no reason to believe that the in-person absentee ballot I already cast is effecting the result of April. There is no reason to believe that keeping the two sets of evidence separate and confidential will affect the results either.

If the unconstitutional extension cannot be stopped, there is no reason the harm can be prevented and limited.

Do not allow the governor and these powers external to WI to steal our election.

Respectfully,

Brian Hubbard

From: Senator Duey Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:05 AM

To: bashubbard@live.com <bashubbard@live.com>

Subject: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

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Friends,

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve I wanted to share a few helpful links and

details. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if you have questions about other issues that are not addressed below. We can be reached by [email](#) or by phone at (608) 266-7513.

April 3 Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots for April 7 Election

Earlier this week, [a federal judge ruled](#) that voters in Wisconsin have until 5:00 PM today to request an absentee ballot. Regardless of where you live in Wisconsin, you can request an absentee ballot [here](#).

Many communities in our area are still offering early in-person voting as well. You can contact your local clerk to learn more about those opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who has participated or plans to participate in this election as a voter or poll worker.

Helpful Links on COVID-19

I know we all have questions about COVID-19 and the related issues we are facing. To help answer some of the most frequent questions my office has received I wanted to provide you links to a series of resources.

- [Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [The Wisconsin Department of Health Services - COVID-19 Web Page](#)
- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Business Resources Page](#)
- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Essential Business Declaration Page](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control - Frequently Asked Questions](#)

- [Internal Revenue Service - Information on Economic Impact Payments](#)

Your local County Health Department is also a key resource if you believe you may have COVID-19. I applaud those working in the healthcare field that are not only working to treat those impacted by COVID-19, but to share timely information with the public.

Stay well,

Duey Stroebel



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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:34 PM
To: 'slymomoftthree@sbcglobal.net'
Subject: RE: April ELECTION and COVID-19

Sheryl,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:23 PM
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slymomoftthree@sbcglobal.net

Name

Sheryl L Yelton-Mounts

Address

W71 N1065 Leicester Avenue

City, State Zip Code

Cedarburg

Phone

2623759865

Message Subject

April ELECTION and COVID-19

Message

I am a NURSE. I am a fellow Cedarburg resident. It is absolutely despicable that you want to go ahead with the election on Tuesday. You all need to wake up and be responsible and set an example that people need to STAY HOME!! I am writing to implore you to postpone our April 7th election. As a nurse, this COVID-19 virus needs to be taken seriously. When we are under a stay at home restriction it makes no sense to have people go out to vote. Only "ESSENTIAL" workers are working, an election, though incredibly important, is not essential. It can be delayed or put to absentee. It is not worth peoples lives so that you can have this done now. Many elderly will come out to vote, they will be standing and waiting long times due to the amount of poll workers out due to being infected or from the fear of getting infected. You will be responsible for the spread of this virus in our communities. Do you really want to be responsible for the spread of this and the deaths that will go with it? The new evidence is showing it to be much more transmittable than originally thought. Not to mention the voter suppression that will be the result. I know that is the hope and desired outcome here. Please do what is the right thing, the fair thing, the intelligent and safe thing and postpone this election.

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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:33 PM
To: 'Kari Anewenter'
Subject: RE: Election

Kari,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Kari Anewenter <kari.anewenter@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:26 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

Hello Senator Stroebel and Representative Brooks,

I am writing to request that you as my legislators do all you can to postpone the April election. If it is not safe to go to school, restaurants, or bars, how is it safe and responsible to stand in line to vote? It is not fair to have people decide between their health and exercising their civic duty. I know this is not ideal but these are unprecedented times. I also know that the Republican leadership is not on board with postponing the election but I hope you would do everything in your power to do the right thing. I hope you look deep down in your hearts and make a responsible decision that keeps all of your constituents' health and safety in the forefront of your mind.

Thank you,

Kari Anewenter
Port Washington

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:32 PM
To: 'sschmidman@wi.rr.com'
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Shirley,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Shirley Schmidman <sschmidman@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please postpone in-person voting

Duey Stroebel,

As your constituent, I'm concerned about our state's current plan to move forward with in-person voting this Tuesday. Voters shouldn't have to choose between risking their health, and giving up their right to vote -- but that's exactly what they'll be forced to do.

Gov. Tony Evers has just called a special legislative session for tomorrow, Saturday April 4th, and is urging the legislature to take the necessary steps to protect public health and voters' rights.

I hope you will support the proposal to expand absentee voting until May 19th, provide every registered voter with a ballot, and provide safe in-person voting opportunities for voters with disabilities and others who are unable to vote by mail.

Thank you for your time,

Shirley Schmidman

sschmidman@wi.rr.com

W6555 Lincoln Ct

Cedarburg, Wisconsin 53012

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:31 PM
To: 'Larry Gill'
Subject: RE: poll voting vs absentee ballots

Larry,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Gill <gill5613@att.net>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:45 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: poll voting vs absentee ballots

Please encourage Gov Evers to allow WI voters to remain safe and at home by voting in 2020 from their home by absentee ballots
Larry Gill
5613 maple Rd
West Bend, WI 53095

Darcy Gill address as above

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:30 PM
To: 'Mark & Mary Cypert'
Subject: RE: April 7 Election

Mark and Mary,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Mark & Mary Cypert <cypfam@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:53 PM
To: Rep.Gundrum <Rep.Gundrum@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 Election

I hope you will strenuously oppose any efforts by Gov Evers in his attempts to modify/break/change/whatever any of the election laws for this upcoming election. What he is trying to do is totally unacceptable.

Mark & Mary Cypert
4783 S Blue Heron Dr
West Bend

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:29 PM
To: 'gradypw@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: election

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From: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:54 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Kevin P Grady

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Port Washington

Phone

2625364356

Message Subject

election

Message

I do not think total votes should be given on election night due to the fact that the democrats will just produce the needed votes to win the supreme court race when they hear the number. We still have 200,000 + names that they can use.

I want a fair and honest election!

Please do what you can to achieve this end.

Verify

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:27 PM
To: 'Engel Family'
Subject: RE: Don't Allow Election Delay

Joe,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Engel Family <engel_family@att.net>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 6:04 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Engel Family <engel_family@att.net>
Subject: Don't Allow Election Delay

Dear Senator Stroebe,

I am appalled that the Governor this late in the process wants to delay the April Election.

Please hold on strong and don't compromise as the special legislative session takes place.

In West Bend we need county offices filled promptly.

Defend our constitution. Allow the conservative Supreme Court Justice to win.

Joe Engel

804 W Badger Lane
West Bend, Wisconsin 5309

262-365-8451
engel_family@att.net

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:26 PM
To: 'donna'
Subject: RE: April 4th Special Session

Donna,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: donna <billordonna0776@charter.net>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 6:07 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 4th Special Session

Dear Senator Stroebe,

Please do not let Gov. Evers get his way. The election date could have been changed long ago. I believe the fact that he was denied the ability to let people get away with voting absentee without proper ID precipitated this late move. Oh, and now we'll all vote by mail (absentee), but without the need for a witness. That is bull carp! Just say NO. Many have already voted absentee. We can still have the election as scheduled. I regularly work the polls, although I'm not scheduled for this election. If needed, I am on call and I'm almost 70. We do curbside for those unable to come in. I would say that is applicable to the elderly with underlying health conditions. Thank you.

Donna Butz

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:25 PM
To: 'Jeff Von Haden'
Subject: RE: April 7th Election

Jeff,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Jeff Von Haden <jvonhaden@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 6:24 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7th Election

Senator Stroebe,

As a Wisconsin independent, I was disgusted at the Republican leadership's response to the Judge's ruling to extend the absentee ballot process by a week. They filed an appeal????!! A week? Really? They couldn't have left it alone?

Their callous disregard for your constituents' health is disconcerting, and sad to say this behavior is turning this independent into "anyone but a Republican in 2020"

Tomorrow you have an opportunity to do right during this epidemic. Accept the mail in proposal. It might not be ideal, but at this point it is the only fair thing to do. No voter, no poll worker, should get sick - and if they survive, look at \$5,000 in out of pocket medical bills.

Regards,

Jeff

Jeff Von Haden
2654 Countryside Ln.
Richfield, WI 53076

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:24 PM
To: 'Nancy Baehmann'
Subject: RE: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Nancy,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Nancy Baehmann <nancy.baehmann@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 6:45 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Please consider delaying Tuesdays election. It is foolish to make voters risk infection. The positions need to be filled.

Nancy Baehmann, 1123 Washington Ave., Cedarburg

On Friday, April 3, 2020, 10:06:36 AM CDT, Senator Duey Stroebe <sen.stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Friends,

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve I wanted to share a few helpful links and details. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if you have questions about other issues that are not addressed below. We can be reached by [email](#) or by phone at (608) 266-7513.

April 3 Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots for April 7 Election

Earlier this week, [a federal judge ruled](#) that voters in Wisconsin have until 5:00 PM today to request an absentee ballot. Regardless of where you live in Wisconsin, you can request an absentee ballot [here](#).

Many communities in our area are still offering early in-person voting as well. You can contact your local clerk to learn more about those opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who has participated or plans to participate in this election as a voter or poll worker.

Helpful Links on COVID-19

I know we all have questions about COVID-19 and the related issues we are facing. To help answer some of the most frequent questions my office has received I wanted to provide you links to a series of resources.

- [Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [The Wisconsin Department of Health Services - COVID-19 Web Page](#)
- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Business Resources Page](#)
- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Essential Business Declaration Page](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Internal Revenue Service - Information on Economic Impact Payments](#)

Your local County Health Department is also a key resource if you believe you may have COVID-19. I applaud those working in the healthcare field that are not only working to treat those impacted by COVID-19, but to share timely information with the public.

Stay well,

Duey Stroebel



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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:23 PM
To: 'Maggie Dowling'
Subject: RE: Election

Margaret,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

-----Original Message-----

From: Maggie Dowling <dowlhouse@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 6:53 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

What is wrong with our government when our elected officials can not agree on what is best for their constituents. Shame on all of you.
Margaret Dowling
Sent from my iPad

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:22 PM
To: 'bal8902@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Bruce,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Bruce Lisiecki <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 7:12 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please postpone in-person voting

Duey Stroebe,

As your constituent, I'm concerned about our state's current plan to move forward with in-person voting this Tuesday. Voters shouldn't have to choose between risking their health, and giving up their right to vote -- but that's exactly what they'll be forced to do.

Gov. Tony Evers has just called a special legislative session for tomorrow, Saturday April 4th, and is urging the legislature to take the necessary steps to protect public health and voters' rights.

I hope you will support the proposal to expand absentee voting until May 19th, provide every registered voter with a ballot, and provide safe in-person voting opportunities for voters with disabilities and others who are unable to vote by mail.

Thank you for your time,

Bruce Lisiecki

bal8902@yahoo.com

W8902 County Road F

Cascade, Wisconsin 53011

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:21 PM
To: 'Joan Scholz'
Subject: RE: Saturday's special session

Joan,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Joan Scholz <joan.scholz@att.net>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 8:25 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Saturday's special session

Hi Duey,

I am writing as a VERY CONCERNED citizen of WI tonight. PLEASE do not vote to extend the April primary past what has already been approved (the additional day of ability to request an absentee ballot and the additional mail delivery days).

The only reason for this late request by the governor is for the Democratic party to try to get more votes "by mail" - which as we know is circumventing the Photo ID and voter fraud laws that were put in place to protect MY vote.

Please do not vote to change the April 7th primary election.

Thank you Duey,

Sincerely,

Joan Scholz
Cedarburg

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:20 PM
To: 'Joan Jablonski'
Subject: RE: Change the Primary date NOW!

Joan,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

-----Original Message-----

From: Joan Jablonski <jajabo@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 8:46 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Change the Primary date NOW!

Dear Sir,

PLEASE get yourself to the special session and change the date of the Primary and make it mail-in voting. Lives are literally at stake here, sir. My husband is a physician and I pray every day he leaves the house right now that his life and his patients' lives are spared. And you guys are, for whatever silly little reason, refusing to change the date so people now have to choose putting their lives at risk to exercise their civic duty. Seriously? Last I checked, you work for us, not your pride. Get the date changed, I beg of you. One life lost to this virus is one too many - do your part to be sure the numbers stay as low as possible.

Thank you
Joan Jablonski

Sent from my iPad

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:18 PM
To: 'jude rose'
Subject: RE: People will die

Jude,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: jude rose <juderose@graffiti.net>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:12 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: People will die

Hello. I live at W1665 Saint Anna St, New Holstein WI 53061 and I am your constituent.

I've been trying to follow the news to understand why there appears to be a fight between Republicans and Democrats over voting during this pandemic and none of it makes any sense. It appears Robin Vos has been blocking any attempt to allow a vote by mail and prefers people randomly get Covid-19 at the polls and dying?

Is there any way you might be willing to block that effort? Is there any way you might not want people to die? I don't understand what's wrong with people in power. You choose to become representatives and then lose your damn minds, sickening yourselves with power lust. Why can't people vote safely by mail? You (certainly not Vos) do understand Republicans die from this illness too, right? And does anyone seem to care that the hospitals are sorely under-equipped? Are we going to depend on the federal government to take care of us, because that's not working so well for the other states.

I have already sent my absentee ballot in. I'm already safe. But apparently there's something inside of me that doesn't seem to exist in the higher levels of government: I care about people other than myself. Please stop thinking a mail-in vote is a political move. It's a life-saving move and honestly, it's the LEAST I should expect from a representative to support. I'm extremely disappointed in the whole lot of you.

Very sincerely,

Jude Allen

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:17 PM
To: 'Keith & Sue Minerath'
Subject: RE: Voting

Sue,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Keith & Sue Minerath <keith.minerath@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:27 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting

Hello Senator Stroebe,

I just heard on the nightly local news that Governor Evers has called a special session for tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon regarding changing the April 7 election to a later date and mailing ballots to all registered voters. My understanding is that almost a million voters have requested ballots by mail and many have early voted. How can the legislature even consider changing the date when there has already been so much participation? Would these ballots be thrown out? I know these are extraordinary times due to COVID-19 but to consider making a change at this late date seems unfair. Would the candidates need to raise additional funds to keep their campaign going a bit longer? Would the state be responsible for the cost of printing new ballots and the mailing costs or would the local municipality be responsible? Either way it means the taxpayers would eventually end up bearing the cost.

We all want a fair election and it just seems that if the date is changed this close to the established date it will cause more confusion.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sue Minerath
Village of Richfield Resident

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:15 PM
To: 'wes'
Subject: RE: Voting "In Person"

Wesley,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: wes <anderson4441@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 11:52 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting "In Person"

Dear Senator Stroebel,

There is a significant amount of risk in the gathering of several hundred people at the polls on April 7. Both for the voters and for the poll workers. In addition, the ability of a town or village or city to find persons able to man the polling places is turning out to be a monumental task. Most poll workers are older and the Novel Corona Virus is most problematic for that segment of the population.

Wisconsin is currently the only State with an election scheduled in April which has not delay or rescheduled it. I feel a reasonable alternative is to enable a 100% absentee ballot voting scheme that is delayed long enough for folks to get the ballot – ie: request by April 7 and to get votes in – say April 21. Inclusion of voter ID in this case will be problematic as not everyone has the ability to make a copy of their ID. Some reasonable means should be made to enable those persons to cast a ballot legally. Contrary to statements to the contrary, fraudulent voting is rare. A voucher for an ID from someone should suffice. All ballots go the town, or village or ward in a city and wards are known by address. Surely there can be an easy way to validate the voter is legitimate.

Please consider alternatives to in person voting on April 7th. I for one, do not want to see a spike in corona virus infections and resultant deaths because of failure to heed our own self distancing directives from state and county health officers. Seems truly foolish to me.

Sincerely,
Wesley Anderson

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:14 PM
To: 'mitch42@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Delay the election and support vote by mail

Barry,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 12:03 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact was submitted

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Barry Mitchell

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City, State Zip Code

Saukville, Wi 53080

Phone

2625732136

Message Subject

Delay the election and support vote by mail

Message

It has come to my attention that the Republican Party of Wisconsin May be suing to counter the order to extend absentee ballot acceptance timeline. In addition, it seems that the legislature has done nothing to seek the postponement of the April 7 election or the support of vote-by-mail / absentee voting.

We are in the midst of a pandemic and actual lives are at risk. The people have a right to vote and you have a duty to work for the people of this state and your constituency. You should support the safety of the voters, the poll workers, and the first responders of this state and support the postponement of the election and the extension of absentee voting. Doing otherwise shows you value the power of your party more than the lives of your constituents of the democratic ideals of our society.

Verify

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:13 PM
To: 'Mark Wagor'
Subject: RE: No Mail In Voting Ballots Please

Mark,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Wagor <Wagor1336@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 12:11 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: No Mail In Voting Ballots Please

Would like to express my opinion as one of your constituents.

Please do not approve or support Governor Evers mail in ballot proposal. This would be exposed to fraud and counter to the voter ID requirements.

Delay the vote to Tuesday June 2nd (or) extend drive thru voting for another 2 weeks thereby allowing party observers to be present and witness the process along with voter ID compliance.

Would gladly volunteer to help as a poll worker or observer anywhere within driving distance from my home.

Thank You,

Mark Wagor
3991 Margolis Drive
West Bend, WI 53095

Wagor1336@aol.com

Sent from my iPad

Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:10 PM
To: 'graceflasch@icloud.com'
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Grace,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebe1

From: Grace Flasch <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 12:17 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please postpone in-person voting

Duey Stroebe1,

As your constituent, I'm concerned about our state's current plan to move forward with in-person voting this Tuesday. Voters shouldn't have to choose between risking their health, and giving up their right to vote -- but that's exactly what they'll be forced to do.

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Thank you for your time,

Grace Flasch

graceflasch@icloud.com

201 Auxiliary Ct

WI, Wisconsin 53095-3400

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:09 PM
To: 'Duane Weber'
Subject: RE: Our Scheduled Primary

Duane,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Duane Weber <duaneweber@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 3:11 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Our Scheduled Primary

Senator Stroebel,

Insisting that the April elections go ahead as if these were normal times is insane and hugely irresponsible. None of your arguments make sense in light of the risk to poll workers and the voting public. Where is your concern for the lives of others?

Duane Weber
Cedarburg

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:07 PM
To: 'Larry Gray'
Subject: RE: Special Legislative session for voting via mail.

Larry,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Larry Gray <esoxlucius.gray@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 3:13 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Special Legislative session for voting via mail.

Dear Senator Stroebel,

I personally am opposed to changing the date. My concern is with regards to sending out mail to voters to be returned at a significant later date. I personally believe it would be too easy to send ballots to persons who have already filed their absentee ballots during the early voting period, resulting in persons voting two or more times. If the legislature should choose to go along with this proposal, by Governor Evers, then I would suggest all early absentee ballots must be turned in and all these ballots must then be destroyed by shredding. Both parties, both Republican and Democratic witnesses should be present to account for those absentee ballots and should be witness to the shredding of all existing absentee ballots. Then all new mail-in ballots can be sent out and then the count based on those ballots only that are returned via the mail.

There may be other means to invalidate mail-in ballots that are duplicates but I would be more of a believer that the election is fairly done and eliminate potential for voters having the potential to vote twice.

Sincerely,

Larry Gray

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:06 PM
To: 'William Populi'
Subject: RE: Do not shut down the vote - open the state back up

William,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: William Populi <William-Populi@mail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 6:47 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Do not shut down the vote - open the state back up

Please do not shut down the upcoming vote.

And please open our state back up.

I don't believe that the Governor has the authority to shut down the state under these circumstances.

This doesn't even seem to be constitutional, to close businesses or to tell people they cannot go to work.

I'm not even sure if the data that the CDC is using is entirely accurate as far as percentages or severity.

Yes people are getting sick. That happens every year.

But there are treatments available, and older folks like me can take precautions on our own.

Voting by mail will enable cheating and voter fraud, and a loss of confidence in the integrity of our electoral system.

We need in-person voting, with picture ID, and we need the economy to open back up.

Sincerely, William Populi

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:04 PM
To: 'Paulette Flynn'
Subject: RE: Postpone April 7 election

Paulette,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

-----Original Message-----

From: Paulette Flynn <pauletteflynn3@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 7:22 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Postpone April 7 election

Dear Senator Stroebe,

Please postpone the April 7 election! We don't have enough poll workers and it puts us at risk for spreading COVID-19 if we go out of our homes.

I requested an absentee ballot that was mailed March 21, but never arrived. Now we have to vote in person. We are seniors and think it is bad for us to go out in public.

Postponing the election will give time for the epidemic to pass, and/or to get a ballot by mail.

Please! I'm counting on you to do the right thing!

Sincerely,
Dianna Flynn
1909 Mayfield

Richfield, WI 53076

Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:03 PM
To: 'Cynthia Schroeder'
Subject: RE: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Cynthia,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Cynthia Schroeder <cschrad@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 7:23 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Good morning senator Stroebe, I write to you in support of in person voting. I am appalled at Governor Evers incompetence regarding our right to vote in person. I have volunteered myself to assist at our polling station and I urge all of you lawmakers to support us out here as you have always. We appreciate the work you do for we the people and I pray all of you will vote with us and not with the Democrats who are attempting to steal our elections and our rights!! Thank you and may God bless all of you Sincerely Cynthia Schroeder

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2020, at 10:06 AM, Senator Duey Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Duey Stroebel



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Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:01 PM
To: 'dennis@butztriplets.com'
Subject: RE: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Dennis,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe1

From: dennis@butztriplets.com <dennis@butztriplets.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 7:54 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Duey,

I am a life long Republican and sincerely hope that you take the advice of the governor and pretty much everyone else and you delay the election. If the Republicans vote down the postponement you will look like complete idiots.....and this is coming from a guy who has voted with you for the past 35 years.

Sincerely,

Dennis Butz
Kewaskum,WI

From: Senator Duey Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 10:06 AM
To: dennis@butztriplets.com
Subject: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

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Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:00 PM
To: 'akrier1@wi.rr.com'
Subject: RE: Election

Al,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Message Subject

Election

Message

Screw your absentee ballots....Use your head. POSTPONE THE ELECTION

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Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:58 PM
To: 'Brydie Hill'
Subject: RE: Voting

Bridget,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: Brydie Hill <brydiehill@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting

Please do not go on with an election that requires people to leave their home. We need to be safe! MAIL ELECTION!!!!
It's not time to be political and fight over party issues. You want to be re elected and be a hero then MAIL ELECTION.

Bridget Hill
Constituent

Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:58 PM
To: 'Dale Jung'
Subject: RE: voting

Dale,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe1

From: Dale Jung <iditto@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: voting

Stand strong and don't let Evers and the liberal left steal the election.
Dale D. Jung

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:57 PM
To: 'Dave Janous'
Subject: RE: Pro life irony

Dave,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe1

-----Original Message-----

From: Dave Janous <DJanous@hga.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Pro life irony

How can someone who is pro life ignore the certainty that NOT closing down the elections at this time will result in additional Wisconsin deaths? Please do not hid behind thinly veiled legal ambiguities and just do the right thing! Make your constituents proud of you. Challenge your peers, be true to your faith and beliefs and save lives.

Dave
262.573.4915

Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:55 PM
To: 'Elizabeth Rich'
Subject: RE: Wisconsin Elections

Elizabeth,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe1

-----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth Rich <egamskyrich@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wisconsin Elections

Please postpone the election. It makes no sense to put so many people at risk.

Elizabeth Gamsky Rich

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:53 PM
To: 'rlengelke@aol.com'
Subject: RE: Election Going Ahead Despite Pandemic

Todd,

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Saukville, WI 53080

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Message Subject

Election Going Ahead Despite Pandemic

Message

I am writing as one of your neighbors concerned about your desire to press ahead with in person voting on 4/7. I live in your town and have been in local government for 15 years. My wife is your town clerk and is running our local election. I am absolutely shocked that you wish for the election to go ahead as scheduled next Tuesday. My wife will have to use my two children as her only poll workers because every other poll worker has quit. Most poll workers are in their 70s or 80s, ages more susceptible to death from Coronavirus. If you are not aware, Coronavirus is extremely contagious and can be communicated by breath and talking for 14 days before someone even feels symptoms. Our town chair's daughter is currently fighting for her life on a respirator w suspected Coronavirus. Every state but Wisconsin has adjourned their election. We are a national and international disgrace and laughingstock. You are clearly putting politically games ahead of public health and safety. The county is diverting PPE from healthcare workers to poll workers.

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:52 PM
To: 'dgiaco@cox.net'
Subject: RE: Vote scheduled 4/4 at 4pm to change election for 4/7

Maureen,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Message Subject

Vote scheduled 4/4 at 4pm to change election for 4/7

Message

Please make my view known. I have purposely NOT voted early by mail because I insist on going to the polls. I am too afraid of voter fraud. Both my husband and I want our vote to be counted. We vote Every election and feel it is our duty to vote. I agree with having to show identification to prevent fraud . Please vote against changing the election date and make it known that We do not agree with mail in ballots because we cannot be sure that our votes will be counted. Both I and my husband are senior citizens. We are more afraid of having our votes not counted than we are of Covid 19
Thank you

Verify

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:51 PM
To: 'ucamp@earthlink.net'
Subject: RE: election in a pandemic

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Message Subject

election in a pandemic

Message

Insisting on conducting a 19th century style, in-person, one-day election in the midst of a rising pandemic is another serious failure of the dysfunctional, disgustingly partisan bifurcation of politics in the USA.

The utter failure of "our" Wisconsin state government elected officials to: (a) protect the election, (b) protect and facilitate the right of all citizens to vote, and (c) protect the lives and the health of the people, is crystal clear.

The everyday people quietly and courageously working on the front lines; the people, recognizing what's at stake, caring for one another and for our common interest, pulling together to lick this pandemic, know the difference between leadership and failure. Governor Evers insisted that he couldn't legally postpone the election alone but must have legislators' cooperation in order to do that, and reportedly asserted that he wanted the election to go ahead as scheduled; so he didn't even try. Legislative leaders double-dared Evers, calling him a coward for not trying to postpone the April 7 election by his action alone, while asserting that they saw no need to change the April 7 election in any way to cope with the public health emergency. But that finger pointing and name-calling leaves the people holding the bag - and the ultimate responsibility to correct this sorry state of affairs. I agree with the judge in western Wisconsin federal district court who ruled that he doesn't have the authority to postpone the election, but that the governor and the legislature do have that authority and should certainly use it.

The bottom line is that right up until the very last minute, nobody in authority has been willing or able to work together and simply postpone the election for a month or two in order to allow time for the state to print and distribute mail-in ballots to every eligible voter, so that the election can be concluded quickly, and so that every potential voter and poll worker can register and vote and work safely and in conformity with emergency regulations and guidelines during this pandemic. Delaying the election indefinitely, until the health threat posed by the pandemic is over, in order to conduct an inconvenient but 'safe', in-person one-day election, is problematic. That indefinite time could stretch out to many months, or even longer. And who decides, and how, when or even if that time is ever over? But postponing the election vote count for a month or two in order to allow all citizens to safely and effectively participate in the election (during the pandemic, not after it is over) by absentee ballot and extended registration, is a rational, fair, and caring way to (a) proceed expeditiously with the election, (b) protect every citizen's right to vote, and (c) protect the health and the welfare of the people.

Verify

Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:49 PM
To: 'Steve Nisleit'
Subject: RE: Mailing votes

Steve and Linda,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe1

From: Steve Nisleit <nisleits@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:13 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Mailing votes

Dear Senator Stroebe1,

Please vote yes for mail-in voting we need to keep everybody safe.

Thank you,
Steve & Linda Nisleit

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:48 PM
To: 'Ken Ramthun'
Subject: RE: Election

Ken,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Ken Ramthun <kenramthun@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:32 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

Senator Duey Stroebe,

Do not vote to extend the election and mail everyone on the voter list s ballot . This is total insanity. In a normal election not everyone will vote. Talk about election fraud. Everyone who wanted and cared about the election either requested a ballot or was planning to go to the polls. There is nothing new here. At the last minute to come up with this poor idea shows poor leadership.

Ken Ramthun
Ramthun's Hickory View Farm LLC
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West Bend WI 53090-9001
262-305-1229

Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:48 PM
To: 'Chad Anhalt'
Subject: RE: Postpone April 7th election

Chad,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe1

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From: Chad Anhalt <chadanhalt13@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Postpone April 7th election

Representative Stroebe1

I implore you to support postponing the April 7 election. Going forward with the election using the argument that many essential workers are already gathering and this is just as important is a childish and completely irresponsible approach.

There is NO urgency in having the election on April 7.

Time to put politics aside and make a responsible decision.

Thanks

Chad Anhalt - village of Saukville resident.

Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:47 PM
To: 's grojr'
Subject: RE: April Elections

Steve,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: s grojr <sgrojr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April Elections

To whom it may concern,
Please DO NOT delay the April elections. I believe we have structures already in place to mail absentee ballots in the event that something like this happens. People need to be responsible and take advantage of these structures.

Thank you,
Steve Groves Jr.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:46 PM
To: 'caroljbork@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Postpone election

Carol,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact was submitted

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I would like a member of the senator's staff to call me at the number provided below.

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caroljbork@gmail.com

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Carol J Bork

Address

1415 Goldenrod Circle

City, State Zip Code

West Bend

Phone

2623388558

Message Subject

Postpone election

Message

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do everything in your power to postpone April 7th election! In this most unusual circumstance I plead with you to postpone the election to give EVERYONE an greater opportunity to vote. It seems counter productive to hold a in-person election. Thank you!

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Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:45 PM
To: 'TIMSHARFONK@GMAIL.COM'
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Sharon,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Ducey Stroebel

From: Sharon M. Fonk <TIMSHARFONK@GMAIL.COM>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please postpone in-person voting

Ducey Stroebel,

As your constituent, I'm concerned about our state's current plan to move forward with in-person voting this Tuesday. Voters shouldn't have to choose between risking their health, and giving up their right to vote -- but that's exactly what they'll be forced to do.

Gov. Tony Evers has just called a special legislative session for tomorrow, Saturday April 4th, and is urging the legislature to take the necessary steps to protect public health and voters' rights.

I hope you will support the proposal to expand absentee voting until May 19th, provide every registered voter with a ballot, and provide safe in-person voting opportunities for voters with disabilities and others who are unable to vote by mail.

Thank you for your time,

Sharon M. Fonk

TIMSHARFONK@GMAIL.COM

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milwaukee, Wisconsin 53001

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:32 PM
To: 'Steve King'
Subject: RE: Election

Steve,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Steve King <steve.king.mail@charter.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

Dear Sir,

I urge you to do what is right and vote to move the election to a safer time. There is no need to risk the health of poll workers. Suggest when the Duffy election is set.

Please stand up to your misguided leadership. Show some strength.

Sincerely,

Steve King
2613 Tumbleweed Cir
West Bend, WI 53095

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:32 PM
To: 'rgcary@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Ray,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Ray Cary <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:38 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please postpone in-person voting

Duey Stroebe,

As your constituent, I'm concerned about our state's current plan to move forward with in-person voting this Tuesday. Voters shouldn't have to choose between risking their health, and giving up their right to vote -- but that's exactly what they'll be forced to do.

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I hope you will support the proposal to expand absentee voting until May 19th, provide every registered voter with a ballot, and provide safe in-person voting opportunities for voters with disabilities and others who are unable to vote by mail.

Thank you for your time. Furthermore it is extremely important to approve in special session of 1115(k) and an 1135 waiver to allow home and community based workers and provider organizations to continue services. I am the parent of daughter with special needs who should not be neglected.

Ray Cary

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cedar grove, Wisconsin 53013

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:30 PM
To: 'denpanicucci8@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Dennis,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Dennis Panicucci <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please postpone in-person voting

Duey Stroebe,

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I hope you will support the proposal to expand absentee voting until May 19th, provide every registered voter with a ballot, and provide safe in-person voting opportunities for voters with disabilities and others who are unable to vote by mail.

There is only one reason you would not do this, and it is only to serve your own purposes and not the public's.

Thank you for your time,

Dennis Panicucci

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Hartford, WI., Wisconsin 53027

Sen.StroebeI

From: Sen.StroebeI
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:29 PM
To: 'Nate Voskuil'
Subject: RE: Wisconsin Primary Election

Nate,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey StroebeI

From: Nate Voskuil <voskuil.nate@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 11:37 AM
To: Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Jagler <Rep.Jagler@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Katsma <Rep.Katsma@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.StroebeI <Sen.StroebeI@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wisconsin Primary Election

All,

I am writing you in concern about Governor Evers discussion to hold a special session today. For weeks now Governor Evers has been telling people to vote absentee or early vote and now 3 days before the election he decides to try and move the election. It is my recommendation you do not support that. I am only 39 years old but missed voting in person twice in my years of voting. I have been refusing to early vote or absentee vote in this election even with whats going on cause I want to put my own ballot in the tabulator. To me this looks like the Democrats are trying to pull a fast one again now with waiting till the last minute. If a mail out ballot happens they want to mail out a ballot to everyone who is eligible to vote and what do you think will happen to all those ballots out floating around from people that won't vote. I also work for a local municipality here and we have been spending a lot of time and money trying to make Tuesday as safe as possible for the voters for now at the last minute he wants to throw that all out the window. It is our civic duty and right to be able to vote in person Tuesday if that is our choice to do so.

Thanks Nate Voskuil
Oostburg, WI

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:28 PM
To: 'Patricia Hrobsky'
Subject: RE: Delay the vote!

Patricia,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Patricia Hrobsky <pehmlwj@angelpoint.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Delay the vote!

Hello Senator Stroebe,

I am one of your constituents from West Bend. I have read every reason put forth to continue with Tuesday's election. I do not find any of them to be persuasive. I am a poll worker. I know how the system works. Even one asymptomatic poll worker puts every voter at risk. Even one asymptomatic voter puts the workers and other voters at risk. How many funerals does it take to balance out the cost of envelopes to allow voters to vote by mail?

Delay the election!

Thank you Senator. I am watching your record.

Sincerely,

Patricia Hrobsky

Sent from my U.S.Cellular® Smartphone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:27 PM
To: 'Ralph Weber'
Subject: RE: please protect lives

Ralph and Patti,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Ralph Weber <weber@gwmlaw.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Sen.Kooyenga <Sen.Kooyenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: please protect lives

Dear Sen. Duey and Assemblyman Robert,

Leaders in Philadelphia made a huge mistake in proceeding with their parade in 1918, a mistake that cost many lives.

Please don't repeat their mistake here. There are times when we must rise above our pursuit of power and control – if not now, then when?

Thank you,

Ralph & Patti Weber

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:26 PM
To: 'rnricksn@live.com'
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Rhonda,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Rhonda Dickson <rnricksn@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please postpone in-person voting

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As elected officials, I'm sure even Republicans want to have EVERYONE vote, so they KNOW they have the full support of the public. Especially during these divided times.

Thank you for your time, Ron Dickson

Rhonda Dickson

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:25 PM
To: 'Ben Lindsay'
Subject: RE: April 7 Election

Ben,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Ben Lindsay <benjamin.lindsay@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Sikma, Brian <Brian.Sikma@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Schaefer, Christopher <Christopher.Schaefer@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Flemming, Darla <Darla.Flemming@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 Election

Senator Stroebe & Rep. Brooks:

I have significant concerns about the April 7th election proceeding as scheduled. Given the public health emergency and the outbreaks we are already experiencing in Mequon and Grafton it would be irresponsible to expect people to come out and vote on Tuesday.

I understand the concerns that are being raised about an election by mail. However, at the very least the election should be postponed to until a later date.

Sincerely,

Ben Lindsay

N70 W6960 Bridge Road
Cedarburg, WI 53012

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:24 PM
To: 'RLINDO'
Subject: RE: Don't Let Evers Seal The Supreme Court Election

Roger and Griselle,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: RLINDO <memoryhog1@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 1:16 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Don't Let Evers Seal The Supreme Court Election

Dear Sen Stroebel:

I read that Gov. Evers is trying to finagle a Supreme Court win for the Democrats by eliminating the in-person voting scheduled for next week. The article was in CNBC and is quoted below.

We are all aware that both Madison and Milwaukee had early voting open for weeks before everybody else so those votes, most of which are likely Democrat, are already in. The rest of Wisconsin only had one week of early voting and that was after the Coronavirus had everyone social distancing and staying home when possible. The Madison and Milwaukee voters had weeks before the Coronavirus' had much, if any, effect on voter turnout.

What now appears as a political tactic, Evers went ahead and kept the election scheduled until the last minute and only now, that the Dems have had a chance to get their votes in, wants to eliminate the in-person election. I ask you, and the GOP majority in the Wisconsin Legislature to pass Evers a bill that stuffs that tactic back in his face. Provide a bill that will let all the people that didn't have as much opportunity to do early voting the same time that Madison and Milwaukee got. Cancel the in-person election and make it so all Wisconsin citizens residing outside Madison and Milwaukee get another two or three weeks, whatever extra time Madison in Milwaukee gave their residents, in which to apply for and submit absentee ballots.

The Democrats in Congress pepper bills with all kinds of self-interest amendments all the time. It's time for the GOP in the Legislature to use the same tactic to appear to give Evers what he asked for, cloaked in as a public health interest, and cancel in-person voting but not the election. Make it possible for everyone who has not had the same opportunity to vote as those in Madison in Milwaukee to get the same time to submit their absentee vote but no extension for those who already had their chance.

Whatever you do, don't let Evers use the crisis, as is the Democrat creed, to take advantage of Wisconsin voters. All our votes are protected by the constitution and should not be limited by politicians making City Clerks open/close voting dates as a way to disenfranchise voters.

Best regards,

Roger and Griselle Lindo

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6:32 pm: Wisconsin governor pushes to delay primary 4 days ahead of scheduled vote

Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers, with just four days until the state's primary, called for a special legislative session on Saturday to cancel the in-person portion of voting in Tuesday's election because of coronavirus concerns.

Evers on Friday announced the session and said the state aims to shift to an all-mail voting system for the primary with a deadline of May 26 to get ballots in.

The governor has previously pushed for creating an all-mail system but has never floated the postponement of the state's primary. Republican lawmakers in Wisconsin have previously shot down the idea of an all-mail system.

"If, as elected officials, we're going to expect the people of our state to make sacrifices to keep all of us safe, then, by golly, we better be willing do our part, too," Evers said in an announcement. "So, today I announced that I am calling the legislature into a special session to do its part — just as all of us are — to help keep our neighbors, our families, and our communities safe." —*Yelena Dzhanova*

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:23 PM
To: 'Dan Wilson'
Subject: RE: Delay Primary and Do Voting By Absentee Ballot

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Dan Wilson <dan.wilson.437@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 1:34 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Delay Primary and Do Voting By Absentee Ballot

Dear Senator Strobel,

During the COVID-19 pandemic it is unthinkable to put so many people at risk by keeping the primary as scheduled and voting in person. Please take this pandemic to heart and,

- delay the primary until at least sometime in May, and
- more Wisconsin to the next level of everyone voting by absentee ballot.

Please protect voters during this critical time.

Sincerely,

Dan Wilson
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Slinger, WI 53086
dan.wilson347@gmail.com

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:22 PM
To: 'Carl Davis'
Subject: RE: There is no need to postpone the election, nor to take a chance with mail in voting

Carl,

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From: Carl Davis <CarlDavis@consultant.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: There is no need to postpone the election, nor to take a chance with mail in voting

Senator Stroebe,

(1) There is no need to postpone the election (especially at this late date) nor to take a chance with what would basically be an unregulated "mail in vote" that could certainly not be properly supervised or relied upon. There are already too many ways to circumvent the current absentee voter ballots.

(2) We need to get back to normal and restart the economy. There have been tremendous consequences to shutting down our economy, and those ill-effects are merely compounding every day that we remain closed. Wisconsin is no longer "open for business."

(3) Mandatory social isolation and quarantining. when imposed from the outside on the healthy, causes a feeling of powerless and isolation, as opposed to when it is self-administered, for example by someone who is not feeling well, then it could actually be considered a measure of self-empowerment and self-soothing.

Social isolation has profound adverse psycho-biological consequences that are not being taken into account by some governmental health authorities that are intent on convincing the public that COVID-19 is the only threat to our health and well-being in times of mandatory, indefinite, and near universal quarantines.

When you consider, also, that social distancing has destroyed the ability of people to make a living, it should be acknowledged that there are strongly positive epidemiological associations between unemployment and a wide range of adverse health effects.

A 2015 study found that men experience up to an 85% increased risk of all-cause mortality following losing their jobs. Moreover, a 2020 Lancet study on the "Psycho-biological effects of quarantine and how to reduce it," found that "most of the adverse effects come from the imposition of a restriction of liberty." The study noted:

"Separation from loved ones, the loss of freedom, uncertainty over disease status, and boredom can, on occasion, create dramatic effects. Suicide has been reported, substantial anger generated, and lawsuits brought following the imposition of quarantine in previous outbreaks."

These effects, as measured by increased morbidity and mortality, are likely to exceed those attributed to the theoretical risks of COVID-19 exposure, many of which are not appearing to pan out anyway.

Social distancing and isolation have real, evidence-based harms, that must be accounted for when it comes to calculating the risks and benefits of quarantining the entire country or even just the state, and all of the subsequent psychological, biological and economic consequences that follow such actions.

We need to get back to normal and restart our Wisconsin economy.

Carl Davis

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:21 PM
To: 'Eliot Duncan'
Subject: RE: Govenor Ever's proposal regarding election

Marlis,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Eliot Duncan <eliotduncan@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 4:54 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Govenor Ever's proposal regarding election

Senator Stroebel,

This is a very challenging time to be in leadership, so thank you for your commitment.

I realize the meeting proposed meeting with the governor is in sesseion, however, feel strongly about what is happening with the state leadership.

This proposal to close polls and change the election to absentee ballots only, seems like a last minute decision made for political reasons, rather than totally relating to the safety of voters. It seems there have been ample opportunities to rethink this issue, but to wait until the very last few days before the election and suddenly move to mail in ballots and extending the deadline into mid May appears totally unreasonable. Perhaps the proposal was to move the election date?? All of the publicity surrounding this has made the issue very confusing.

Why do people need this long to get ballots, mark them, and mail them back? If a week's extension was given beyond the April 7th date to return these, that would seem more reasonable. Citizens were informed as to the deadline to submit absentee ballots.

This is far too much time and the possibility of voter fraud would increase tremendously. That would not produce reliable election results. Our precinct offered early voting in person and many citizens participated in that in our area. People knew the primary date and the options available to cast their vote, so why this last minute pressure to extend and relax the guidelines for a fair election?

I have much compassion for the individuals and families impacted by COVID-19, however, for the leadership to either not plan, or use the crisis to amend the state voting guidelines, is inexcusable. The other option chosen by some other states was to delay the election until the crisis was somewhat controlled.

Republican state congressional members should say "no" to a zero hour proposal that they disagree with. Yes, the polling places could very well be a source of spreading the contagion, however, this was a fact several weeks ago. A decision should have been made at that time. At the very least press for a short window for returning ballots, counting, and keeping the election as fair and organized as possible.

There will definitely be criticism of the stance in opposition to what the governor is proposing. However, this is just not a decision to be made and acted on in a few hours in a reactionary manner.

Thank you for standing for what is right, fair, and protects the freedoms of all voters.

Some form of voter ID should still be required or there is no way of knowing if the ballots returned are legitimate or not. This will cause even further confusion in this difficult situation.

Thank you for serving your constituents with integrity.

Please communicate the outcome of today's meeting. Stay well.

Sincerely,
Marlis Duncan
Hubertus, WI.

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:08 PM
To: 'William Carpenter'
Subject: RE: Election

William,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: William Carpenter <wcarpenter@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 5:45 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

I am a constituent of yours from Cedarburg. I believe something should be done regarding the election. For the safety of everyone involved, I do believe it should either be delayed or that absentee ballots should be sent to all registered voters. I don't care about who has said what or done what up to now. The legislature needs to work with the governor to do something to avoid needlessly putting people at risk. To point fingers about who should have done what before now is petty and childish.

William Carpenter

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:06 PM
To: 'weidner.melissa@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Melissa,

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From: Melissa Weidner <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 5:48 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please postpone in-person voting

Duey Stroebel,

As your constituent, I'm concerned about our state's current plan to move forward with in-person voting this Tuesday. Voters shouldn't have to choose between risking their health, and giving up their right to vote -- but that's exactly what they'll be forced to do.

Gov. Tony Evers has just called a special legislative session for tomorrow, Saturday April 4th, and is urging the legislature to take the necessary steps to protect public health and voters' rights.

I hope you will support the proposal to expand absentee voting until May 19th, provide every registered voter with a ballot, and provide safe in-person voting opportunities for voters with disabilities and others who are unable to vote by mail.

Thank you for your time,

Melissa Weidner

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Campbellsport, Wisconsin 53010

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:33 PM
To: 'danweltin@hotmail.com'
Subject: RE: Election

Dan,

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Message

I sincerely hope you were not one of the legislators refusing to show up to Gov Evers special session. Even if you disagree it is your job to show up to work.

But even so, I ask how can you put an election before the health and lives of citizens? An election can still be held by mail or postponed. We all our making sacrifices for the good of Wisconsin and this country. Our elected officials need to make sacrifices too. And that means making changes to this election.

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:32 PM
To: 'Kellyweltin@hotmail.com'
Subject: RE: Election

Kelly,

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Message

If you think voting is so important, why did you not show up to vote today? Wisconsin residents are turning their lives upside down to try and protect themselves from this pandemic to limit its spread throughout our state and now you want us to gather in a building to vote. There are so many other options that could have been worked out. Why did you not start to figure out a better voting plan when the Safer at a Home order went into effect? I don't understand how not showing up to vote is even an option for politicians. If we don't show up to work we are out of a job. The bottom line is we could have voted from home for the health and safety of Wisconsin residents and now you are risking our lives. Shame on you!

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:30 PM
To: 'sgebling@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Election

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Election

Message

Senator Stroebel,

In my opinion there is one and only one reason why you and your GOP colleagues refused to meet at the governor's request: you want to do everything in your power to suppress the vote in Milwaukee and Dane counties to ensure your partisan stooge gets elected to the Supreme court. You can talk all you want about how important the election is but the real goal is to maintain your power hold in Madison. It is clear to me that party trumps everything for you and your GOP colleagues.

Hoping you will put the public ahead of party

Steve Ebling

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:29 PM
To: 'Steven Shields'
Subject: RE: April Election

Steven,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Steven Shields <fermi336@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 6:52 PM
To: Rep.Gundrum <Rep.Gundrum@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April Election

What is wrong with Republicans in our state? It is obvious that we can not have a reasonable election next week, and yet you public servants even refuse to discuss options. Are you afraid of a fair election?

Steven Shields
Slinger, Wisconsin

Steven Shields

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:29 PM
To: 'closencounters@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Voting April 7

Judy,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: closencounters@gmail.com <closencounters@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 6:58 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting April 7

Hello,

I am extremely disappointed that the legislature will not delay our election that is scheduled for April 7th. We are in the middle of a health situation and under a Safer at Home order and the elected leaders are playing politics. Please put the citizens of Wisconsin first and do what's right to ensure a safe and FAIR election at a later time.

Thank you

Judy Close

Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:28 PM
To: 'Marc Sanders'
Subject: RE: Tuesday

Marc,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Marc Sanders <mdbookman@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 6:58 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Me <MDBookman@gmail.com>
Subject: Tuesday

Tuesday's election should be extended or postponed. I was scheduled to work the polls. But I have now told our clerk that I won't. Elections are too important for some people to feel that either they couldn't figure out how to absentee vote or were to sick or scared to vote on Tuesday.

Marc Sanders

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:27 PM
To: 'Stephen White'
Subject: RE: Voting Tuesday

Steve,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephen White <ly10ning@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 7:31 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting Tuesday

Senator Stroebel, human lives matter. I write you as a Christian who believes this statement wholeheartedly. If even 1 person dies because we forced them to vote now & in person that is too many. Please lead us to head off face to face voting this week.

Steve White
West Bend

Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:26 PM
To: 'Lisa Dohrwardt'
Subject: RE: April 7th election

Lisa,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Dohrwardt <l2Kt61ztZ@twc.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:10 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7th election

Dear Mr. Strobel, Please vote with Gov. Evers in postponing the April 7th election. Voting in person with the level of contagion of Covid 19 is going to steepen the spread of this disease. I voted absentee in anticipation of more stringent Safer at Home guidelines. Two weeks to get out the message, two weeks to register online and get ballots mailed out to registered, eligible voters who haven't voted already should be do-able. If the election is mid-May with deadline to have ballots postmarked the day previous should provide a comprehensive and fair vote. Isn't that the most important issue? Those now in office who are represented on the ballot could remain in office until the end of May. It's only a month and this is an unprecedented event in our time. Thank you for your attention and consideration. Sincerely, LISA DOHRWARDT, #262-447-2041, W4224 County Road A, Fredonia, WI, 53021

Sent from my iPad

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:25 PM
To: 'Kathryn A Dalton'
Subject: RE: April 7 election

Kathy,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Kathryn A Dalton <56kathryn75@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:07 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 election

Dear Sen. Stroebe,

I am writing to request the Legislature to **take a vote** at Monday's session on extending the April 7 election date to May 19; and converting the contest entirely to a mail-in election. This is important to ensure the health safety of voters. Our State and Country are experiencing the most serious threat to public health in 100 years.

I took time away from sewing face masks to write this communication to you. I find Assembly Leader Vos' comments regarding citizens bored watching Netflix; and Sen. Fitzgerald's remarks about citizens supporting small local restaurants through purchases of carryout food very insulting. (Milwaukee JournalSentinel April 4 edition)

Sincerely,

Kathy Dalton

City of Hartford

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:24 PM
To: 'John Pietsch'
Subject: RE: Stand firm on voting day!

John,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: John Pietsch <aerobax@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:27 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Stand firm on voting day!

Sen Stroebel,

Please let's be done with Wisconsin's spring primary election. It's very suspicious how Gov Evers for weeks was saying he wanted that too, and only in the last couple days did an about-face. There were plenty "strong suggestions" to vote absentee (including from Gov Evers himself). Anyone who felt strong enough to vote did just that. Please vote NO to extending the spring election, or going to all mail in, or anything else. We Americans will get through this coronavirus situation by being strong. Thank you, and keep up the good work in Madison!

John Pietsch
5971 Hilldale Dr
Hartford WI 53027
262/224-7119

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:23 PM
To: 'Dan Waite'
Subject: RE: April 2020 Election

Dan,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Dan Waite <danny53012@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 11:24 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 2020 Election

Gentlepersons,

I hope you are ashamed of the Legislature's actions today, as set forth below.

In matter of seconds, Republicans stall Gov. Tony Evers' move to postpone Tuesday election



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During Saturday's proceedings, the Assembly and state Senate each gavelled in and within seconds recessed until M...

I am one of your constituents and I am writing you to implore you to delay the April, 2020, election.

1,224 people died in the U.S. from the Covid-19 virus today. Insisting that people gather together to vote this coming Tuesday will needlessly expose them to life-threatening conditions.

Please consider your obligation to safeguard the wellbeing of those you represent. If you do so, I am certain you will act reasonably to delay the election for the safety of all. If you choose to take no action, be certain you are ready to accept the responsibility for such callous and cavalier behavior.

Very truly yours,
Daniel Waite

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:22 PM
To: 'dwight.boling'
Subject: RE: Election

Dwight,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: dwight.boling <dwight.boling@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 1:57 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

Sen. Stroebel,

If even one WISCONSIN LIFE IS LOST because you allowed PEOPLE TO GATHER UNNECESSARILY during this PANDEMIC you have to consider yourself an accomplice to MURDER. Strong words yes, but If it is about politics these words are APPROPRIATE. Please don't do this. By the grace of God don't do this. Please, look in your soul and ask your self, if your parent went to vote and by chance they died because they touch a railing, would any election be worth the your lose? Given the current information about this virus that railing would not only kill your love one but many other love ones in lonely isolation. YOU KNOW THIS IS TRUE. Again I ask, IS IT WORTH IT. I PRAY NOT. Please, please, please stop the election. IT'S NOT WORTH IT.

Dwight Boling
Dwight.Boling@gmail.com
262-618-2800

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:21 PM
To: 'John Lehnert'
Subject: RE: Thanks for being too timid to stand up for what's right!

John,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: John Lehnert <john.c.lehnert@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 6:20 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Thanks for being too timid to stand up for what's right!

Hi Duey,
Kudoos to you and the rest of your Republican ilk for being too timid to stand up to your bosses, Scottie Fitzgerald and the surviving Koch brother. Let me be clear, I'm perfectly fine letting Republican voters gather shoulder to shoulder when they vote on Tuesday. But old folks are likely the most vulnerable victims of Covid 19. Your senate leader has decided not to stand up for what is right. Perhaps you should. Grow a pair Duey!
Sincerely,
John Lehnert
Plymouth, WI
--
John Lehnert

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:20 PM
To: 'tomandardi@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Election

Thomas and Ardith,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Thomas Bergerud <tomandardi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 8:09 AM
To: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner <wi05jsima@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Election

Rep. Vos and Sen. Fitzgerald,
Do the right thing and approve Gov.Ever's request to move to a vote by mail election! The action of your legislative Republican majority is a clear and blatant attempt to suppress voter turn out at the risk of exposing citizens to coronavirus. Your non-stop effort to void the powers of our duly elected Governor is offensive and un-democratic.
Act NOW! Cancel in person voting or face the growing realization of more and more voters that neither of you deserve to hold state or national office!

Thomas and Ardith Bergerud
West Bend, WI.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:19 PM
To: 'Christine Clark'
Subject: RE: election poll

Christine,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Christine Clark <christineclark.clark@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 8:32 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: election poll

Good Morning

Passing on my strong opinion regarding the April 7 election. My family completed the absentee ballot with ease. It is unfortunate Wisconsin did not extend the election date and this should not be turned into a political blame opportunity. I am employed as a nurse facing uncertainty and fear daily. However, I am certain it is irresponsible for Wisconsin to proceed with in-person polling at this time. I ask you as my representative to support extending the deadline and delay the in-person polling.

Thanks for listening and stay in stay safe.

Christien Clark Fredonia Wisconsin
Registered Nurse

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:18 PM
To: 'Jeff Zahn'
Subject: RE: Please Postpone the Primary

Jeff,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Jeff Zahn <jrz60004@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please Postpone the Primary

Dear Sirs,
The Surgeon General and other public health officials have made it clear that we should do everything possible to minimize human interactions in the next few weeks to reduce the number of coronavirus cases and deaths. It is Holy Week, yet no one will be attending church, the situation is that dire.

It is irresponsible to go ahead with the primary and force thousands and thousands of Wisconsinites to decide between their health and their right to vote.

Yours truly,
Jeff Zahn
Cedarburg

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:18 PM
To: 'Mary Fran'
Subject: RE: Elections

Mary,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Fran <mlepeska@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:18 AM
To: Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Elections

Dear Rep. Brooks and Senator Stroebel,

As a poll worker in Port Washington For over ten years, I have many concerns about holding the election on Tuesday, yet I feel obligated to help out, if the election is not postponed.

We are in a deadly pandemic, and for the WI GOP to ignore this and continue to want elections held as usual is absolutely irresponsible and unconscienceable! If the election is held, I would expect every single GOP state Rep and Senator to be working at their polling place on Tuesday.

If I am risking my health at age 71, then I expect you and others to do the same.

Stand up and show some courage. Do the morally right thing and postpone the election. If not postponed, I feel that the GOP is putting politics before human life.

Mary Fran

Sent from my iPad

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:17 PM
To: 'Robert & Mary Gray'
Subject: RE: Gov. Evers executive order 73

Robert and Mary,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Robert & Mary Gray <rmgray1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:20 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Gov. Evers executive order 73

Sen., Stroebel

My wife and I are very disappointed that Mr. Vos and, Mr. Fitzgerald cannot put politics aside during this time of crisis and postpone the election to a later day as the governor (and many others) has requested.

Why take a chance in making our situation worse than it is, especially with the latest predictions being put out by the White House.

We hope you can try to convince them to discuss this by all members.

Let common sense prevail,
Robert & Mary Gray
Jackson, Wisconsin



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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:16 PM
To: 'Mike Miller'
Subject: RE: Volunteering to be a poll worker at Tuesday's election

Mike,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Mike Miller <miller_mike1947@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Gundrum, Rick <Rick.Gundrum@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Volunteering to be a poll worker at Tuesday's election

Senator Fitzgerald and Representative Vos,

I was an elected official for 36 years, 8 as alderperson, 18 as mayor (City of West Bend) and 10 as a county supervisor (Washington County). In all of that time I never ask one of the people that I worked with to do something that would add additional danger to their lives. Yet you are proposing to hold an election that will put the lives of every poll worker at risk.

I can believe the argument that these poll workers will be paid for the services that they provide. How about their families? When these workers return home after election day, how many will bring the virus home with them?

Every medical person that I have seen quoted in the newspaper and on TV state that the only way to slow down this virus is to stay home.

One thing that surprised me in the articles in the news is that neither of you have stated that you will be poll workers in Tuesday's election. If you are willing to put other people's lives at risk, I would think that you would join the poll workers and also put your lives at risk.

Please rethink your position on this deadly issue!!

Michael R. Miller
543 Polaris St.
West Bend, WI 53095
262-338-6840

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:15 PM
To: 'Stan Guokas'
Subject: RE: You have got to be kidding!

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Stan Guokas <sguokas@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:42 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: You have got to be kidding!

If the Republicans cannot place the health and safety of the public before an election, I will never vote for a Republican again!
In my book pandemic trumps voting. But I will vote in person on Tuesday and will not be voting for any Republicans!

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:14 PM
To: 'ptearney@sbcglobal.net'
Subject: RE: Postponing Tuesday's election

Patrick,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:47 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact was submitted

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ptearney@sbcglobal.net

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Patrick Tearney

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334 S. Eva St.

City, State Zip Code

Port Washington

Phone

262-388-6697

Message Subject

Postponing Tuesday's election

Message

Dear Sen. Strobel,

I know you have stated that you believe Tuesday's election should go on as scheduled, but I urge you to make the safety of the public your highest priority and work to postpone or alter it I agree that Governor Evers could have asked for a postponement or adjustment earlier, but these are very unusual times and call for unusual measures. If in-person voting results in the spread of the corona virus and additional deaths, we will all regret that dynamic action was not taken.

Respectfully,

Patrick G. Tearney

334 S. Eva St.

Port Washington, WI 53074

262-388-6697

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:13 PM
To: 'Susan Supanich'
Subject: RE: Election

Alice,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Supanich <w59supanich@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:00 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

I am appalled by your partisan behavior in regards to the election. We need a mail in vote. Save lives. Get it done.

Alice Susan Supanich
Cedarburg

Sent from my iPad

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:12 PM
To: 'M. Musinsky'
Subject: RE: April 7, 2020 Election

Mary,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: M. Musinsky <msky.hartford@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7, 2020 Election

Senator Stroebe:

The April 7, 2020 Wisconsin election needs to be delayed for at least 30 days and should be held by absentee ballot to keep Wisconsin residents safe from the COVID 19 virus. Holding the election at a later date with absentee ballots will give poll workers, municipal clerks and their office staff, and especially Wisconsin voters a safer environment to cast his/her ballot. It is time for the political parties of Wisconsin to put aside their differences and work together to come up with a viable solution so all eligible Wisconsin residents can cast his/her vote and remain safe. Holding the election on this coming Tuesday will put thousands of Wisconsin residents at risk to being exposed this virus. This election, as all elections, are important, but to allow in-person voting next Tuesday will only cause the virus to spread further and put more strain on our already overworked medical providers and hospitals. As responsible Wisconsin citizens, we can all help to "flatten the curve" on this pandemic by lessening out contact with others by staying home for at least the next month. PLEASE work smart, PLEASE work together and put the health of Wisconsin residents as your number one priority and reschedule this election and use absentee ballots only.

Thank you.

Mary Musinsky
3328 Lake Drive
Hartford, WI 53027

Town of Hartford, Washington County

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:11 PM
To: 'Gerald Lang'
Subject: RE: Voting

Jerry and Jean,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Gerald Lang <jerjenlang@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:38 AM
To: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting

By supporting April 7 voting in regular polling stations you are once again showing that you are a party man first and an intelligent person far second. As I see it you are only interested in sticking it to the governor and in voter suppression. You are ignoring the crowd limitations universally recommended by medical professionals and in so doing are bordering on criminal negligence in playing with peoples health and possibly lives. Your partisan efforts are probably for naught as they would likely not survive a court challenge. What is your acceptable level of virus transmission to achieve your goals?

Don't fret. We have already voted for Kelly by absentee ballot.

Rob and Duey - what is your stand on this?

Jerry and Jean Lang - Ozaukee County conservatives

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:10 PM
To: 'James Awe'
Subject: RE: Spring election

James,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: James Awe <james_awe@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Spring election

Congratulations,

Gerrymandering wasn't enough. Lame Duck session of the legislature wasn't enough.

Now you are willing to put the lives of poll workers and voters at risk so you can suppress voting on Tuesday to insure that your party wins to state supreme court race. Disgusting!

I never thought I'd see these kind of tactics in "Wississippi". This is something you see in the Jim Crow South.

Gavel in - gavel out. I guess that gives you cover so you don't have to vote. Deniability is a wonderful thing.

Every other state with a spring election has moved out the date, but not here.

And you have the nerve to call yourself a Christian. Try reading the New Testament some time.

James Awe
1465 Skyline Drive
Cedarburg, WI 53012

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:10 PM
To: 'Jim Hildebrand'
Subject: RE: Tuesday Election

Jim,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Jim Hildebrand <hildeji@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tuesday Election

Dear Senator Stroebel,

I do not believe the scheduled election for Tuesday should go forward. By common sense people will not want to be poll workers in a time of a viral epidemic or not want to be involved in counting the absentee ballots. I do not wish to go to a polling place, and I have ordered an absentee ballot, but it seems logical to me to postpone this election for a few months. What is the downside?

Thank you,
Jim Hildebrand
Cedarburg, WI
hildeji@yahoo.com

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:09 PM
To: 'Ray Zielke'
Subject: RE: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Ray,

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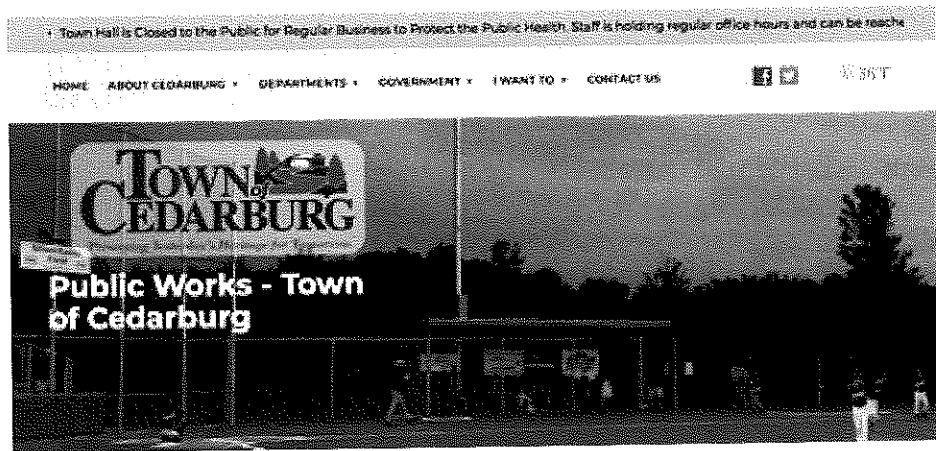
Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Ray Zielke <rayzwi@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Senator,

The legislature's decision to not extend elections or allow by mail only is one of the sickest political stunts I have ever seen. Note screen top of screen shot below. Town hall is closed for business to "protect the public." But you say it should be open for voting. All republican legislators, their staff, and their families should be required to go work at any polling place that lacks workers and to provide rides to people in Milwaukee who need them. Shame on you. Now I do doubt if you have any Christian faith. I take that back. It is not a matter of doubt, I am convinced that you are not a Christian. I will pray for you.



Ray Zielke
Town of Cedarburg

On Fri, Apr 3, 2020 at 10:06 AM Senator Duey Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Friends,

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve I wanted to share a few helpful links and details. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if you have questions about other issues that are not addressed below. We can be reached by email or by phone at (608) 266-7513.

**April 3 Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots for April 7
Election**

Earlier this week, a federal judge ruled that voters in Wisconsin have until 5:00 PM today to request an absentee ballot. Regardless of where you live in Wisconsin, you can request an absentee ballot here.

Many communities in our area are still offering early in-person voting as well. You can contact your local clerk to learn more about those opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who has participated or plans to participate in this election as a voter or poll worker.

Helpful Links on COVID-19

I know we all have questions about COVID-19 and the related issues we are facing. To help answer some of the most frequent questions my office has received I wanted to provide you links to a series of resources.

- [Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [The Wisconsin Department of Health Services - COVID-19 Web Page](#)
- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Business Resources Page](#)
- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Essential Business Declaration Page](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Internal Revenue Service - Information on Economic Impact Payments](#)

Your local County Health Department is also a key resource if you believe you may have COVID-19. I applaud those working in the healthcare field that are not only working to treat those impacted by COVID-19, but to share timely information with the public.

Stay well,

Duey Stroebel



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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:08 PM
To: 'Geri Zehren'
Subject: RE: Tuesday's election

Geri,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Geri Zehren <grzehren@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:55 AM
To: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov; Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tuesday's election

Shame on the Republican leadership. By not postponing the election day you are endangering all voters. We are told these next two weeks will be tough ones combating the virus yet you are not willing to move the date. I believe you think that poor voter turn out will insure Kelly's stay on the court. Pretty big gamble as those of us who almost always voted with an R are now moving to the D side. Much of that movement is caused by your poor leadership or lack of.

Geri Zehren,
124 S. Eva Street
Port Washington

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:07 PM
To: 'Liz Girsch'
Subject: RE: Vote on Election

Liz,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Liz Girsch <lizgirsch@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Vote on Election

I'm emailing to urge you to change Wisconsin's plan for the primary election scheduled for April 7. It is extremely irresponsible for the government to hold this election. It is putting both polling workers and voters at risk. The legislature has been advised by public health officials to change the format or delay this election. Other states are taking this action.

In this time of crisis, please rise above politics. Leadership is truly about doing the thing that might not be popular, might break from your party line - but is in the best interest of your constituents. I pray you know what that right decision is.

Respectfully,

Liz Girsch
N36W7575 Buchanan Ct
Cedarburg, WI 53012

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:06 PM
To: 'Katherine Hoffman'
Subject: RE: Right to Vote

Kathy and Dennis,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Katherine Hoffman <kat1129hof@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov
Cc: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Right to Vote

As we both are considered in the high risk group (both in our 70's) and pro republican voters who have not missed a primary or general election since we have been eligible to vote, we find it incomprehensible that you insist on the elections remaining on April 7th.

It is inconceivable to us that the republican party would risk human life to win an election. If this is what it means to be a republican we will have to give serious reconsideration of how we vote now and in the future. If people contract the virus and die as a result of voting there will be a serious public relations mess to deal with upcoming elections.

Please give very serious thought to this issue. If you do not wish mail in ballots, postpone the election until June as other states have so wisely done

--

Kathy-Dennis Hoffman

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:05 PM
To: 'Mark Dybdahl'
Subject: RE: Tuesday's Election

Mark,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Mark Dybdahl <edybdahl@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tuesday's Election

Sen. Stroebel

At a time when everyone is asking everyone else to be cautious about large gatherings it seems remarkable that you are even considering putting people through polling places. We certainly know more about this terrible virus than we did a few weeks ago and should act accordingly. Please show your leadership on this growing problem.

Thanks for your service in the Senate and for your consideration.

Mark Dybdahl
247 Brian Ct.
Port Washington WI.

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:04 PM
To: 'Kara Phillips'
Subject: RE: Please convert election!

Kara,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Kara Phillips <karak6144@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please convert election!

Sen. Stroebel:

I'd like to respectfully ask that our elected state senators vote to convert Tuesday's Wisconsin Primary election to vote by mail, and to extend the balloting until May 19. Let's show that our leaders are trying to protect the health of our voters and poll workers.

Thank you,

Kara Phillips
4512 Gonring Dr, West Bend, WI 53095

262-297-1202

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:04 PM
To: 'hazelitt@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: I am writing to you today to delay the election to protect people's health!

Gary,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: hazelitt@everyactionadvocacy.com <hazelitt@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am writing to you today to delay the election to protect people's health!

Dear Senator Duey Stroebel,

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* - <https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/solutions/2020/04/03/editorial-wisconsin-election-should-not-happen-person/2945865001>

Sincerely,
Gary Greenhoe

4085 Lily Rd Jackson, WI 53037-9200
hazelitt@gmail.com

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:03 PM
To: 'Margaux Caffa'
Subject: RE: Spring Primary

Margaux,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Margaux Caffa <mcaffa80@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 1:54 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Spring Primary

Senator Stroebel,

As one of your constituents (I reside in town of Belgium), I strongly urge to you to support an all-mail election and the recent ruling to extend the absentee ballot count. In-person voting is too dangerous right now. Please protect the people you are supposed to be serving.

Thank you,

Margaux Caffa
264 Hidden Bluff Rd
Cedar Grove (town of Belgium), 53013

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:01 PM
To: 'otr4all@sbcglobal.net'
Subject: RE: I am writing to you today to delay the election to protect people's health!

Kristin,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

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From: otr4all@everyactionadvocacy.com <otr4all@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am writing to you today to delay the election to protect people's health!

Dear Senator Duey Stroebel,

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I urge you to protect our health. I am an older Wisconsinite who lives in an area with an older population. My zip code area (53012) is a Republican dominated area. All of the poll workers in my area are over 70. Again, I urge you to delay this election to protect our health.

Sincerely,

Kristin Terwelp

475 Green Bay Rd Cedarburg, WI 53012-9123 otr4all@sbcglobal.net

Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:59 PM
To: 'jjhaje60@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Please postpone in-person voting

Jim,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Jim Hajek <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Please postpone in-person voting

Duey Stroebel,

As your constituent, I'm concerned about our state's current plan to move forward with in-person voting this Tuesday. Voters shouldn't have to choose between risking their health, and giving up their right to vote -- but that's exactly what they'll be forced to do.

Gov. Tony Evers has just called a special legislative session for tomorrow, Saturday April 4th, and is urging the legislature to take the necessary steps to protect public health and voters' rights.

I hope you will support the proposal to expand absentee voting until May 19th, provide every registered voter with a ballot, and provide safe in-person voting opportunities for voters with disabilities and others who are unable to vote by mail.

Thank you for your time,

Jim Hajek

jihaje60@gmail.com

N87W5577

Cedarburg, Wisconsin 53012

Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:58 PM
To: 'madgrad74@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Special Session Regarding April 2020 primary election

Penny,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 3:44 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact was submitted

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madgrad74@gmail.com

Name

Penny Elliott

Address

907 Foxland Place

City, State Zip Code

West Bend

Phone

4143056577

Message Subject

Special Session Regarding April 2020 primary election

Message

I am appalled that the legislature failed to act yesterday upon the governor's request to convert the state's April 7th election to a mail-in primary with a deadline extension to May 19th. In light of the dangers of public exposure to both voters and poll workers, I believe this would be a reasonable approach to this election, and similar considerations should be given to elections this fall, should COVID-19 still be a threat at this time. Please, do not let Senator Fitzgerald gamble with our lives! Insist that these provisions be enacted for this spring election, and that immediate preparations be made for ensuring that all voters have a change to cast their ballots in fall by mail.

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:56 PM
To: 'Don Zerfas'
Subject: RE: Primary Election

Don,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Don Zerfas <donzerfas@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 3:44 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Primary Election

Shame on you for not voting to extend April 7th's balloting to May 19 and convert the election to vote-by-mail. Why is this even an issue and who do you think you are playing with my health? My life matters!

Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:55 PM
To: 'dkarth@execpc.com'
Subject: RE: In person Passover and Easter Services

Dick,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: dkarth@execpc.com <dkarth@execpc.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Steineke <Rep.Steineke@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: In person Passover and Easter Services

I am a lifelong Republican as were my parents and grandparents. I almost exclusively vote Republican and financially support Republican candidates.

When I read about the proposal in the Milwaukee JS Online I thought (as someone posted to Facebook this afternoon) I was reading the The Onion or it was Fake News.

But apparently Vos and Steineke are serious.

My comments are blunt and to the point: ARE YOU GUYS NUTS? WHAT DON'T YOU GET ABOUT THE CORONA VIRUS??????

There are numerous verified stories from across the country of people going to small events (65 liberals at a birthday party for a prominent mayor in California, the 61 people who went to the choir practice in Georgia, I'm sure there are

many more) and a large number of people attending (40% to 60%) ending up with the CoronaVirus in conditions raging from mild, to life threatening, and in some cases unfortunately death.

Besides this very short-sighted proposal being WRONG, it makes Wisconsin Republicans look very, very stupid. It's almost as if you don't believe the CoronaVirus is real. Please don't hide behind the notion that by allowing in-person services you're giving the ministers, priests, and rabbis of Wisconsin's parishes, churches, and synagogues the ability to decide for themselves. You're sending (the wrong) message that it must be OK to cluster together.

Your proposal stupidity infers that social distancing isn't necessary.

Please withdraw your proposal. You know that Evers won't go for this. It won't go through. You're just adding anti-Republican, anti-conservative fuel to fire.

There are other, much more important battles to fight. Save your powder

Dick

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Dick Karth
4355 Pleasant Valley Road
Grafton, Wisconsin 53024
dkarth@execpc.com
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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:54 PM
To: 'ckucharski2013@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Spring Primary - April 7, 2020

Catherine,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 5:17 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Catherine Kucharski
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305 Granville Rd.
City, State Zip Code

Cedarburg, WI

Phone

4145316230

Message Subject

Spring Primary - April 7, 2020

Message

Dear Sen. Stroebel:

Every citizen in the State of Wisconsin has the right to vote in the Primary Election scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2020. It is our right, it is our duty and it is our privilege.

This is no time to be using the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic for divisiveness and an easy way to suppress voters or disenfranchise anyone, especially in hard hit cities like Milwaukee.

You have accepted great responsibilities in the position you hold. I request and expect you to do all in your power to make sure that all of us have a SAFE opportunity to VOTE in this Spring Primary, preferably by extending the date out far enough so that everyone can manage to get their vote registered. Please work with your counterparts in the State Senate and talk to your colleagues in the Assembly to get this done and get it done right - and swiftly.

Respectfully,
Catherine Kucharski

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:52 PM
To: 'Liz Dehling'
Subject: RE: Election/Church/COVID-19

Liz,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Liz Dehling <lizdehling@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 5:33 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Ramthun <Rep.Ramthun@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election/Church/COVID-19

Hello,

As a lifelong conservative Republican who is also a cancer patient, I was so disappointed to hear the news today. In the midst of this pandemic, the election should either be postponed or converted to mail in only and churches should continue to meet virtually as we all have been. We are devout Christians and know that we will celebrate Holy Week whether we can gather together or not. My husband and I are both in the populations that have a much higher chance of dying if we get this virus. I fear that failure of both parties to come together in this time of crisis will result in lawsuits that will affect the election results anyway.

Please know that I support you and our beliefs are likely very similar. However, I need you to know how I feel about these issues!

Thank you,

Elizabeth Dehling

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:51 PM
To: 'Jknutson1667@charter.net'
Subject: RE: Delay the spring election

James,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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From: Jknutson1667@everyactionadvocacy.com <Jknutson1667@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 5:33 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Delay the spring election

Dear Senator Duey Stroebel,

I am sincerely disappointed that the election scheduled for Tuesday is not being either postponed or changed to mail in. What are you thinking!!!! This is an emergency unlike anything else that anyone living has experienced, and all you can do is play foolish games with our lives.

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Sincerely,

James Knutson

6971 Forest View Dr West Bend, WI 53090-8928 Jknutson1667@charter.net

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:50 PM
To: 'Joe Dorr'
Subject: RE: DELAY THE ELECTION

Joe,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Joe Dorr <joseph.m.dorr@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 5:52 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: DELAY THE ELECTION

Senator Stroebel

If the Tuesday, April 7th Primary Election is not delayed, we will create a wildfire opportunity for the covid 19 virus to reach thousands more people. As a result thousands more from Wisconsin will die, our best mitigation efforts will be reversed, our stay at home order will be extended, we will continue delay going back to work & sending our kids to school and daycare, and all while our economy will continue to sink toward an ever greater, and more unimaginable disaster.

Last week the Governor asked the legislature to hold emergency sessions to discuss delaying the primary vote. Yesterday (Saturday) both houses of the Wisconsin Legislature chose to defy science, and deny the risks that we face with the corona virus. Leaders Fitzgerald and Vos, opened sessions, then immediately closed them, within seconds. This was an act of ignorance and arrogance, that denied our government and its people, the opportunity to hear and assess the value of delaying the Primary Vote due to the virus. There was no discussion, no debate. and ultimately there was a message that our lives, our businesses, and the economy that we all rely on, simply do not matter.

We need to delay this primary election. Lets stop the partisan fighting. This is about all of Wisconsin.

Thanks

Joe Dorr
414-517-7950
joseph.m.dorr@gmail.com

Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:49 PM
To: 'Claudette Moll'
Subject: RE: Election

Al and Claudette,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Claudette Moll <acmoll48@charter.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 7:19 PM
To: 'Rep.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov' <Rep.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.LeMahieu <Sen.LeMahieu@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Gundrum <Rep.Gundrum@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Ramthun <Rep.Ramthun@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

This election should be canceled. The candidates should be placed on the August primary ballot. Any terms that expire before that time should be extended. This would still be in advance of both the Republican and Democratic conventions. This would eliminate extending the deadline for returning absentee ballots and voter fraud. This would also get you out from under the Madison judge who seems to be dictating the rules. I am afraid that if we, as Republicans, do not do this, we will be receiving harsh criticism for possibly some hollow victories.

I will be working at the polls on Monday afternoon, prenumbering absentee ballots and again on Tuesday.

There isn't much time, but please give this some consideration. Thank you for all that you do.

Al & Claudette Moll

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:48 PM
To: 'Jed Dolnick'
Subject: RE: Election Postponement

Jed,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jed Dolnick <jeddolnick@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 7:55 PM
To: Rep.Gundrum <Rep.Gundrum@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election Postponement

Gentlemen:

I'm appalled by the behavior of Senate and Assembly Republicans with the charade that occurred on Saturday. While the governor shouldn't have waited so long to make his request, I have absolutely no doubt that the outcome would have been the same if he proposed this a month ago. Then we have the travesty of Speaker Vos asking the governor to allow the resumption of religious observances, well after most faiths have already made the moral decision to suspend services.

We ask for leadership, and you give us gamesmanship and posturing. On Tuesday, our state will be the only one needlessly risking the health of its voters, poll workers, and municipal employees. What a fine image for the Badger State.

Jed Dolnick
West Bend

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:47 PM
To: 'aliceiaquinta@hotmail.com'
Subject: RE: I am writing to you today to delay the election to protect people's health!

Alice,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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-----Original Message-----

From: aliceiaquinta@everyactionadvocacy.com <aliceiaquinta@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 8:48 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am writing to you today to delay the election to protect people's health!

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Sincerely,
Alice laquinta

3318 Squire Ln West Bend, WI 53090-8430 aliciaquinta@hotmail.com

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:46 PM
To: 'Patrick Sorensen'
Subject: RE: April election

Patrick,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

-----Original Message-----

From: Patrick Sorensen <psorensen1971@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:52 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April election

Senator Stroebe,

I hope this email finds you and your family well. I've been made aware that the election scheduled for Tuesday will continue as scheduled. This democratic process could be significantly hampered by the necessity for shelter in place. Additionally if the election continues as scheduled the state of Wisconsin is significantly at risk to become the next Covid 19 hotspot. I highly encourage you to take leadership and determine an alternative solution to the election. This times call for unique and critical problem solving. For the sake of a true democratic process as well as the health and safety of our population please take appropriate action.

Sincerely,
Patrick Sorensen

Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:45 PM
To: 'plechmaier@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: I am writing to you today to delay the election to protect people's health!

Patti,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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-----Original Message-----

From: plechmaier@everyactionadvocacy.com <plechmaier@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:41 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am writing to you today to delay the election to protect people's health!

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Sincerely,
Patti Lechmaier

2456 Hannemann Rd Grafton, WI 53024-9619 plechmaier@gmail.com

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:44 PM
To: 'Carrie_19@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: I am writing to you today to delay the election to protect people's health!

Carrie,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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From: Carrie_19@everyactionadvocacy.com <Carrie_19@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:45 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am writing to you today to delay the election to protect people's health!

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Sincerely,
Carrie Holiday

N142W6264 Concord St Cedarburg, WI 53012-3104 Carriez_19@yahoo.com

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:37 PM
To: 'Hunter Navarro'
Subject: RE: Postponement of Tomorrow's Vote

Hunter,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Hunter Navarro <hcnavarro@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:57 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Postponement of Tomorrow's Vote

Mr. Stroebel,

It is imperative that we delay the April 7th vote to allow measures to be taken so every Wisconsinite can vote from home. Given the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, it is irresponsible to ask your constituents to knowingly put themselves in a situation where they may contract or spread a lethal virus.

Every American is guaranteed the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. How can you ask us to vote during this pandemic when it blatantly contradicts this statement? Either I vote to exercise my liberty but risk my life, or I stay in to protect my health but risk my liberty. Either scenario is unacceptable and flies in the face of the ideals that are the foundation of our country. You must do everything in your power to protect your fellow Wisconsinites.

Do the right thing. Call a vote and postpone tomorrow's election so we can put in measures for every Wisconsinite to safely vote by mail. We are living in unprecedented and scary times. It will take great foresight and leadership to lead us through them. Partisan politics must be put aside to ensure the health and safety of all Wisconsinites. Please, help us navigate this challenge successfully. Postpone the vote.

Thank you,

Hunter Navarro

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:35 PM
To: 'Nicole Dudei'
Subject: RE: Elections As Normal Amid a Safer At Home Order? Not Wise.

Nikki and Dan,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Nicole Dudei <nicoledudei@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 7:36 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: dan romanek <danromanek@gmail.com>
Subject: Elections As Normal Amid a Safer At Home Order? Not Wise.

Mr. Stoebel,

I am so very disappointed that you, as my representative, were one of the lawmakers that supported that elections go on as normal during this COVID-19 pandemic. I do realize that there are many options for voters to cast their ballot without heading to the polls. In fact, my husband and I both requested a ballot and voted absentee. However, many Wisconsinites vote in-person or do not know how to vote early/absentee (or have been too busy home-schooling their children or worrying where their next paycheck will come from to think about it). More importantly, you are putting poll workers' lives at risk by asking them to run the election as if we are in a normal situation. I am aware that PPE has been provided to all poll workers. However, PPE is to be used as a last line of defense, not the only defense, against this highly contagious and very deadly virus. My mother and father are both poll workers and are very proud to serve their state and country in this way. Facing most of their support staff not showing up, they will both be working tomorrow. Afterwards, they will both go in to quarantine for fourteen days. I am scared for the next 15 days, and would be devastated if either (let alone both) of my parents fell ill. These are just two of the hundreds of poll workers across the state that will be affected in this way. Let us recall that the majority of poll workers fall within the hardest hit demographic by

COVID-19. I truly wish that you would have taken a more compassionate and less ignorant view in light of the pandemic, instead of playing politics.

The CDC has recommended very strict social distancing measures, which will not be able to be 100% complied with at all polling sites. That along with human error will likely expose many of our Wisconsinites to COVID19. That is on you and your fellow lawmakers for not allowing an alternative election in this unprecedented situation.

My husband and I will not be voting for you during the next election, because you have made it clear that you do not care about the health of our loyal poll workers or citizens.

Stay well,

Nikki Dudei and Dan Romanek

Port Washington, WI

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:31 PM
To: 'lmollinger@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: April 7th election

Louise,

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 7:46 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: the form Contact was submitted

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I would like a member of the senator's staff to call me at the number provided below.

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lmollinger@yahoo.com

Name

Louise A Mollinger

Address

424 W Grand Ave, Apt 2

City, State Zip Code

Port Washington

Phone

4148523077

Message Subject

April 7th election

Message

I believe this election is important enough that it should be postponed so that everyone who wants to vote, can.

You and your majority party can act today. Show that you really care about every one's right to vote.

Verify

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:29 PM
To: 'ruth belknap'
Subject: RE: Election

Ruth,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: ruth belknap <rabelknap@me.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 7:54 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

Please vote to postpone the primacy or have it by mail. Going out to vote is unnecessary. Holding the primacy tomorrow will endanger lives and suppress votes. Going out to vote in a city such as Milwaukee will lead to Covid 19 spread.

Ruth Ann Belknap PhD RN
1771 Granville Rd
Cedarburg WI 53012

Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:28 PM
To: 'Mark Belknap'
Subject: RE: Your Vote on election issue

Rev. Belknap,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Mark Belknap <m_belknap@ecunet.org>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:04 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Your Vote on election issue

Dear Senator Stroebe,

Please do not vote for bills that would force people from homes to vote in the midst of the epidemic. It sends the wrong message about the importance of social distancing. It is particularly bad for our friends living in Milwaukee. And, it will lead to the spread of the disease. It shows a lack of patriotism and civility.

Sincerely,
Rev. Mark Belknap
Retired Board Certified Chaplain
Cedarburg, WI

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:27 PM
To: 'Eagle.watch'
Subject: RE: April Election - NO Mail-in or Extension

Eugene,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Eagle.watch <eagle.watch@protonmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:06 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April Election - NO Mail-in or Extension

Dear Honorable Senator Duey Stroebel,

Please do not allow the Democrats to postpone this election or do mail-out ballots. I am very-much opposed to mailing ballots to all registered voters. People afraid to show up at the polls could have voted absentee as I did. Governor Evers seems to be trying to assist their liberal supreme court justice candidate. His indecision and waffling only supports the claim as he has been playing games with this election for a while.

Thanks for your Service!
Eugene Gallagher

Sent from ProtonMail, Swiss-based encrypted email.

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:25 PM
To: 'Robert Retko'
Subject: RE: Stop In-Person Voting Tomorrow!

Robert,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Retko <retko2001@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:10 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Stop In-Person Voting Tomorrow!

Dear Senator Stroebe,

I was greeted this morning with the headlines that the US is bracing for the most challenging days ahead due to the Coronavirus. Please close all in person polling places. To save lives have absentee ballots sent out and extend the voting deadline.

Sincerely,

Robert Retko
3270 Center Rd.
Cedarburg 53012
Cell: 262-374-0081

Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:18 PM
To: 'malliotke@juno.com'
Subject: RE: Spring Election

Randal,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:17 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Email

malliotke@juno.com

Name

Randal V Malliet

Address

S50 W22720 Partridge Lane

City, State Zip Code

Waukesha, WI 53189

Phone

262-549-4932

Message Subject

Spring Election

Message

Senator Stroebel,

Don't back down. Hold the spring election as scheduled with in-person voting.

Thank you,

Randy Malliet

Verify

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:17 PM
To: 'Michelle Rausch-Neary'
Subject: RE: Election

Michelle,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

-----Original Message-----

From: Michelle Rausch-Neary <mrn@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

Hello Dewey,

As I am watching the news and learning we are expecting a covid explosion this week it seems extremely contraindicated that we hold in person elections tomorrow. I am opposed to mailed ballots but strongly encourage you to move to postpone the election to June. As a nurse who has been challenged by people not following medically recommended behaviors, I feel it is imperative the correct message for the state legislature to send is STAY HOME!
> Michelle Rausch-Neary

> Sent from my iPad

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:12 PM
To: 'jmacak@wi.rr.com'
Subject: RE: Coronavirus and Voting

Dr. Macak,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: jmacak@wi.rr.com <jmacak@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Coronavirus and Voting

Dear Senator Stroebel,

I am a retired physician living in Cedarburg, WI.

Holding the Wisconsin primary election as scheduled will directly result in the needless exposure of voters and poll workers to coronavirus and its consequent morbidity and mortality.

I urge you to put aside reckless political dogma and immediately take steps to mitigate this dangerous situation. It is your legal and moral responsibility to protect your constituents.

Cordially,

James Macak, M.D.
Cedarburg, WI

Sen.StroebeI

From: Sen.StroebeI
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:11 PM
To: 'Alisa Norquist'
Subject: RE: Ensure the safety of Wisconsinites by Changing the April 7 elections!

Alisa,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin <cindyc@loppw.org> On Behalf Of Alisa Norquist
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Sen.StroebeI <Sen.StroebeI@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Ensure the safety of Wisconsinites by Changing the April 7 elections!

Apr 6, 2020

State Senator Duey Stroebel
State Capitol, Room 18 South
2 East Main Street
Madison, WI 53702

Dear State Senator Stroebel,

Please protect the health of Wisconsinites and everyone's right to vote by changing the April 7th elections. Please ask for the Assembly and Senate to call for a vote to allow our state to send a ballot to every registered voter who has not already requested one by May 19, and to extend the time for those ballots to be received to May 26.

As people of faith, part of our role during crises is to demystify information and support the safety of our neighbors, especially those most vulnerable. Many of our church leaders are actively encouraging social distancing as a way to serve our communities, nation, and the world at this time of a pandemic. How can we encourage people to go to the polls, where social distancing would be extremely difficult to maintain especially with the massive shortage of poll workers?

Let's do our part in Wisconsin by take up legislation allowing an all-mail election.

Please support sending a ballot to every registered voter who has not already requested one by May 19, and to extend the time for those ballots to be received to May 26.

Fifteen states and one territory -- Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Wyoming, and Puerto Rico -- have either pushed back their presidential primaries or switched to voting by mail with extended deadlines. Let's join them and not stand out as the state that doesn't go the extra mile to care for the health of our citizens.

Please also note that when we ask people to vote in person at this time we not only ask them to put their lives at risk but the lives of others they may infect after going home from the polls. Holding elections at this time contradicts all of the other safety measures that we are taking as a state.

Let's do our part in loving our neighbors by practicing social distancing in all ways possible, including in the upcoming elections.

Please change the April 7th election to protect the health of Wisconsinites and everyone's right to vote.

Sincerely,

Ms. Alisa Norquist
W66n837 Washington Ave
Cedarburg, WI 53012-1172
(262) 376-0929
ajnorquist15@gmail.com

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:08 PM
To: 'Paul Lazzari'
Subject: RE: Election

Paul,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Paul Lazzari <wilazzari@att.net>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

Senators and Representatives,

Gentlemen, I am writing to provide support for your position on the election schedule for April 7. The proposal by the Governor is a clear attempt to commit fraud and allow ballot harvesting. Please do not cave to this blatant attempt to steal this election. I have voted and everyone had the same opportunity to do the same thing.

Stay the course,

Paul Lazzari
516 Shady Ridge Court
Grafton, WI 53024

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:06 PM
To: 'gw4603@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Elections

George,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:37 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Email

gw4603@gmail.com

Name

George Walls

Address

10350 Flagstone Drive

City, State Zip Code

Cedarburg

Phone

4148617744

Message Subject

Elections

Message

I just want to express my disappointment in you in for not trying to postpone the elections!! This is an irresponsible position in light of the Coronavirus!! You are putting peoples lives at risk for politics, I'm sick and tired of the blame game!! You as republicans can do something about this!! We have made the National News because of this. I ask you to reconsider and get something done today!!

Verify

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:01 PM
To: 'Alan Bartelme'
Subject: RE: MOVE THE PRIMARY ELECTION!!!

Alan,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Alan Bartelme <ajbartelme@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: MOVE THE PRIMARY ELECTION!!!

Hi Bob - I'm copying Duey on this because you both think the same, so my response will apply equally to both of you.

I thank you for responding so promptly.

You start your letter with complaining that large cities have more opportunities to vote than smaller communities. Why is that a problem? As a democracy, shouldn't we make it as convenient as possible for voters to express their opinions? To complain that larger cities have more locations and hours to vote is ridiculous - there are exponentially more voters to process, travelling to and from polling places both for early voting and on election day takes more time, and people that don't drive are bound by public transit schedules. To require the City of Milwaukee (population: 595,351) to have the exact same hours and locations as the Town of Saukville (population: 4,419) makes no sense, unless you're intentionally making it more difficult for Milwaukee citizens to vote. Urban areas and small towns are structurally different, and the voting process should be adapted to reflect that. No one advocates that Milwaukee should have the same number of police officers and Saukville, so why should voting be turned into a one-size fits all model?

You also state you want to eliminate absentee voting - why? Why do you want to stop people unable to go to the polls on election day from voting? I assume that includes deployed veterans, home-bound senior citizens, and those people who have to work all day? Do their votes not count? You already force anyone who doesn't drive to go to a DMV and get an ID card (yes it's free, but not always easy to get there and the operating hours are terrible), and now you want to make it even harder to vote?

You ask what would happen to the absentee votes already cast - how about holding them for the rescheduled election, or if the rescheduled election will be further out, to ask voters to send again? This isn't rocket science. You and your party talk a lot about 'common sense solutions' but seem to be unable to come up with any now. You state that Governor Evers' plan of a full mail-in ballot is impossible, but fail to offer any solutions other than the status quo. You state that there aren't enough ballots printed to do anything other than a regular election, but fail to acknowledge the huge lack of poll workers across the state.

Next, you state that I'm a hypocrite because Governor Evers and 'a liberal appointed by President Obama' want the election to stay on the same date. You then state that the legislature has the power to set the election date, so why does the Governor's and some 'liberal' judge's opinions matter? You have the power to change it, so own that decision and live by the consequences. Try not blaming the liberals for all the problems for a change. Besides, if you've talked to the governor in the last week, I believe he has changed his mind on having the election tomorrow. Real leaders are willing to change their minds when the facts change. At least the Governor is trying to come up with solutions while the legislature keeps saying we can't do anything.

You are correct, I don't personally know you. All I know about you is how you vote on issues and public statements you make. And when I see your voting pattern and statements, or lack thereof, on many issues, that is what forms my opinions. I see a concerted effort to prevent people from voting in the name of 'election security' or to prevent 'voter fraud' even though you have presented little to no evidence of proof. I see repeated attempts to blame and punish large cities in our state for their shortcomings, while completely ignoring the root causes of those problems, and ignoring the continuing role the suburbs and exurbs play in exacerbating those problems. I see a legislature that had no problem with gubernatorial and executive branch power, until the voters decided they wanted a governor and an attorney general from the other party. I see a legislature that undermines public education at the K-12 and university level, and then complains they don't get the results they expect. I see a legislature that believes the ability to draw legislative districts solely to maximize one party's advantage over another is a legitimate use of power, and has no problem spending millions of taxpayers' dollars defending that ability to gerrymander. A legislature that is hostile to non-Christians, public employees, urban residents, and environmental concerns.

Similarly, you don't know me. You call me a liberal. Have you ever met me or attempted to understand my viewpoints? You ask why 'my ideological kin frequently struggle[s] with respecting those of us who do not share your point of view?' I can open up the Ozaukee News Graphic twice a week and read articles from YOUR ideological kin such as Owen Robinson, Mark Belling, Robin Vos, Scott Fitzgerald and plenty of others who show no respect for opposing viewpoints. Or I can tune into the White House press briefing daily and see plenty of nasty, vile messages coming from your party's leader. Don't pretend that vitriol only goes one-way. I can ask you the same question - why is your ideological kin so hostile to opposing viewpoints?

We both know that the reason you're not moving the election is to support Justice Dan Kelly's election; his opponent's supporters primarily live in urban areas harder hit by the COVID-19 virus and will likely stay home, while his supporters are more rural and likely more insulated now from the virus. Two years ago the legislature wanted to move the election date as well, because at that time you believed it would help your party to move it. If you truly wanted to protect citizens, you would have worked to move the date, instead you dragged your feet on the topic until it was too late to change it. Maybe you weren't personally involved with these discussions; I don't know. I do know that I have not seen any statement or information from you either way about the decision, so I am forced to assume you stand with Robin & Scott and ignoring the reality in defense of

your political viewpoints rather than what's best for the state as a whole. At least Duey sent out a message complaining that he's losing money due to the Safer at Home order, and wants to know when to make everyone go back to work.

If you need further support for why you're wrong, you can look at the dozen or so other states that have delayed April elections. They all seemed to be able to figure out how to move a date without mass confusion. And if you object to my statement that you're not moving the election for political purposes, feel free to look up the numerous news articles on the subject - other than Fox News, they generally agree the reason it hasn't been moved is politics.

Alan Bartelme
N68W5327 Columbia Road
Cedarburg, WI 53012

On Thu, Apr 2, 2020 at 4:54 PM Alan Bartelme <ajbartelme@uwalumni.com> wrote:

With a pandemic keeping people in their houses, costing jobs, and killing people, there is no logical reason to hold the election next Tuesday, April 7th. It's clear the legislature is the only one that can move the date, meaning it is YOUR responsibility to do the right thing, rather than playing partisan politics and trying to blame the governor. Since neither one of you are doctors, scientists, or generally reasonable people, I don't see how your 'expertise' decides that people should risk disease and death just to vote. Dead people can't work or restart the economy either.

And to not move it because it gives your party a better chance of winning? That's even lower than I thought you two could sink, and I think very little of you already.

When people die because you forced them to vote in the middle of a pandemic, it will be your fault and you should be prosecuted. Take responsibility for your actions.

Alan Bartelme
N68W5327 Columbia Road
Cedarburg, WI 53012

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:00 PM
To: 'steve merriman'
Subject: RE: postpone 4/7/20 election

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: steve merriman <stmerriman22@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: postpone 4/7/20 election

Hope you are well.

The Emergency Order # 12 Safer at Home Order was issued by Governor Evers and Secretary Palm to be in effect until April 24th, 2020, or until a superseding order is issued.

The election 4/7/20 is not above the law in the Safer at Home Order.

Please make the safer, smarter, and common sense decision for the state of Wisconsin and postpone the 4/7/20 Wisconsin election.

Stay Safe,

Karn Merriman
Slinger, WI

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:00 PM
To: 'Janice Downs'
Subject: RE: mail in voting

Jon,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Janice Downs <janjondowns@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: mail in voting

I am an independent Wisconsin voter (Town of Trenton), who is ashamed to be represented by someone who cares so little about our health safety and our voting rights. Shame on you. Your shameful intentions in this matter are obvious to all. I am increasingly frustrated by the actions of our Republican legislature in our state. You are an affront to our proud history.

Jon Downs
6730 Jamestown Dr
West Bend, WI

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:59 AM
To: 'dmueller@mjmfg.com'
Subject: RE: Election

Dawn,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: dmueller@mjmfg.com <dmueller@mjmfg.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

Hello,

I just felt I needed to write to you to share my frustrations with the legislature on holding the April 7th election. Being a chief inspector for my town, I was torn to work the election or try to keep my circle small as instructed to do so, so that my husband and I can continue to run our essential small business. I feel holding this election is irresponsible, placing clerks, poll workers and the general public at a health risk, with the safer at home in place.

I will not be working the election to which I feel horrible about! Having the people voice their opinion through their vote is something I want to see, but not under these circumstances. This should have been postponed.

Thank you for your time.

Dawn Mueller
W6154 County Road N
Plymouth, WI 53073

Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:58 AM
To: 'jmueller@mjmfg.com'
Subject: RE: Tuesday voting

John,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe1

From: jmueller@mjmfg.com <jmueller@mjmfg.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Tuesday voting

Senator Stroebe1, I am a resident of district 20 and I would like your assurance you don't support allowing the vote Tuesday to go on as planned. I voted by mail for the first time in my life. I will not vote for someone again who would endanger their citizens in this way.

Regards
John Mueller

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:57 AM
To: 'Emily Rendall-Araujo'
Subject: RE: Postpone the Election!

Emily,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Emily Rendall-Araujo <rendallaraujo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Postpone the Election!

I am absolutely outraged that our election is moving forward on April 7th. I don't know whose 'fault- this is – Governor Evers, or the Republican Assembly and Senate – nor do I really care at this point! It's irresponsible and extremely unethical, to require Wisconsinites – who want to exercise their constitutional right to vote - to show up at polls in the midst of the global pandemic. You are putting people at risk, and you are allowing the most UNDEMOCRATIC election in history to move forward. Put politics aside, and do the right thing. Postpone the election so it can be done right!

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Emily Rendall-Araujo
W9245 Glen Road
Glenbeulah, WI 53023

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:55 AM
To: 'Ryan Miller'
Subject: RE: Executive Order 74

Ryan,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Ryan Miller <rhmill12@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Executive Order 74

Hello Senator Strobel,
My name is Ryan and I am one of your constituents from Cedarburg. I am writing to you today to ask that you attend the special legislative session tomorrow and vote to delay the Spring election. The people of Wisconsin have given up a lot and have taken the "Safer at Home" order from the DHS very seriously in order to protect the health of our fellow residents. It would be a shame to ruin any part of that effort by having large groups of people congregating on election day, especially in the urban areas of the state. Asking the residents to vote absentee on such short notice can be a barrier for people unfamiliar with the process. It is my understanding that Governor Evers cannot legally postpone the election by himself, but together with the Wisconsin Legislative bodies, the election can be postponed until it is safe.

This is not a partisan issue, but an issue of the safety of your community. Your constituents have done their part in keeping the people in our community safe, at the risk of their jobs and financial security. Now it is your time to step up and postpone the election to keep your constituents safe.

Sincerely,
Ryan Miller

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:54 AM
To: 'Nancy Hinterthuer'
Subject: RE: April 7 election

Nancy,

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From: Nancy Hinterthuer <nanhinter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 1:40 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 election

Dear Senator Stroebel,

I am writing to add my voice to the chorus of voters requesting the state legislature find some way to better serve all the voters in our state who are, or will be, impacted tomorrow because of our inability to change or adjust a calendar in the midst of "Safer at Home". My heart breaks to think of those who will be too fearful (rightfully) to leave their homes for a potentially crowded area to cast their vote, and/or who have not had means or opportunity to cast early votes or time to obtain absentee ballots AND provide requisite id via mail or email.

There are so many problems with this, not least of which is the possibility of spread of COVID19, and potential for death as a result.

I am one of the fortunate ones who was able to cast an absentee ballot, but even I had difficulty because I do not own a printer and needed a copy of my I'd to be sent in. The hoops I had to jump through to make it happen were more than a democratic society should require of its voters, particularly in a time such as this. I'm embarrassed to have to explain when friends and loved ones living elsewhere in the US and around the world ask what we are doing here.

Please, speak out and help to devise a new plan that protects Wisconsin voters and defends their right to a safe and healthy and transparent process.

Yours sincerely

Nancy Hinterthuer
Cedarburg, WI

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:53 AM
To: 'Kiley@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Covid-19, Wisconsin Elections, and You

Kiley,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 1:49 PM
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Kiley Komro

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West Bend WI 53095

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2623391978

Message Subject

Covid-19, Wisconsin Elections, and You

Message

Do your part to stop the spread of Covid-19 in Wisconsin and institute a mail in election. Ohio, Colorado, and Hawaii all have secure and just mail-in balloting. Wisconsin has allowed voters to participate in this integral democratic duty via absentee securely and fairly for many years. There is ample precedent to extend time for absentee votes to arrive and be counted as well as to institute an all mail-in election by the extended date in June. To not do so will convict you of partisan elector disenfranchisement. You will be committing to an undemocratic authoritarian philosophy that deprives Wisconsin citizens integral rights. Please keep any ungrounded partisan claims that absentee voting benefits one party over another to yourself and address the real issue: that you and your republican colleagues are attempting to restrict turnout to benefit your own party's unpopular candidates' reelection campaign. Covid-19 is a real life issue and should not be used to disenfranchise your constituents or manipulate American institutions for your own personal and political benefit. Uphold your oath of service and do your job.

All due respect, Senator Stroebel,
~ K. Komro

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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:52 AM
To: 'mschmeling6'
Subject: RE: April 7 Election delay

Margaret,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: mschmeling6 <mschmeling6@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:01 PM
To: Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vos <Rep.Vos@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7 Election delay

Gentleman,

I have voted primarily Republican all of my life. I am an RN and have worked in the ER or as a nurse educator most of my nursing career. I am now retired. I can't begin to tell you how UNHAPPY I am with your decision to not meet and work to delay the election. People are dying every day because of Covid 19. Your primary job is to protect the safety of the people of Wisconsin. You have grossly fallen short in this matter. If people vote in person at this time we will not flatten the line and more will get sick and overwhelm our healthcare system. DO YOUR JOB PROTECT THE SAFETY of the people of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Margaret Schmelin
262-692-9882
220 Manor Dr
Fredonia, WI 53021

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S10e.

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:51 AM
To: 'Nancy Haacke'
Subject: RE: Election

Nancy,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Haacke <nahaacke@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election

I totally support the governor to delay Tuesday's election. The health of electors and poll workers is life threatening and this is no time for politics and an expensive law suit. We are lucky for the decisions that have been made thus far by the governor. Please stand up and cancel the election. It doesn't make any difference if voting numbers are already high as life is to be valued. It isn't just having dinner with your family. Hopefully the court will represent the people even though it isn't bipartisan as it was meant to be in our constitution. My daughter lives in New York and has had the virus.

Nancy Haacke, Ozaukee County
nahaacke@sbcglobal.net

Sent from my iPad

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:50 AM
To: 'Mayerlmary4@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Election

Mary,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Cedarburg, Wi 53013

Phone

9208600527

Message Subject

Election

Message

The stubbornness of our legislative leaders to keep the in person election for tomorrow reflects the ever growing need for more power, the willingness to remove every obstacle to what the party desires, even to the extent of refusing to listen to health authorities mayors, election officials about the possible impact in person voting could have on our citizens, strikes me as pathological. Win no matter what. Delaying the election is the ethical, moral thing to do. Ohio's governor delayed their election. Michigan did not and saw an uptick in Covid 19 cases.

The party that is backed by Right to Life apparently doesn't care about life beyond the womb. We will remember. I feel badly that I don't have representation that speaks to honesty, integrity and ethics.

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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:49 AM
To: 'Kelly Briskie'
Subject: RE: My vote counts!

Kelly,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

-----Original Message-----

From: Kelly Briskie <kabstar@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: My vote counts!

Dear Senator Stroebel:

On March 25th I contacted your office to make sure my vote was not disenfranchised. The Governor has had more than enough time to formulate a plan of action regarding Election Day. Governor Tony Evers is stomping on my right under the US Constitution.

I hope that you along with others both Republican and Democrat will fight this action for the sake of one of our most prized rights.

Sincerely,
Kelly Briskie

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 25, 2020, at 12:07 PM, Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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> Kelly,
>
> It's my understanding that absent a change to state law or a court order to the contrary, in-person voting will be offered on Election Day for the upcoming spring election on April 7. The Wisconsin Elections Commission and local clerks are actively exploring the accommodations that will be necessary to protect voters from the spread of the virus while still allowing them to vote at the polls on Election Day.
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> As with all things during these uncertain times, the details surrounding the April 7 election are rapidly evolving and worth keeping a close eye on as we get closer to Election Day.
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> I support keeping the April 7 election date in place and preserving the option for citizens to cast their vote at the polls on Election Day.
>
> Thank you,
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> Sen. Duey Stroebel
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Kelly Briskie <kabstar@sbcglobal.net>
> Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:21 AM
> To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
> Subject: My vote counts!
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>
> Dear Senator Stroebel,
>
> I urge you to act and keep in person voting either on the set voting day set or a delayed day. My vote counts! Do not disenfranchise my vote.
>
> Regards,
> Kelly Briskie
> Kewaskum
> Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:48 AM
To: 'Nicholas Hamilton'
Subject: RE: Governor Evers!

Nicholas,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Nicholas Hamilton <nickham338@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Governor Evers!

Dear Senator Stroebe,
Please, do NOT let Governor Evers get away with this! He has no authority to simply change our Constitutional rules to suit his whims! This latest Executive Order to postpone tomorrow's primary is NOT his order to make! Please put a stop to this man!

Nicholas Hamilton
Port Washington, WI.

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:47 AM
To: 'Robert Boyer'
Subject: RE: Election issue

Bob,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Boyer <rboy@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Election issue

Gentlemen,

I'm 66, a homeowner from West Bend, born & raised in Wisconsin, graduated from Madison in '76. Since 1972 I've voted Republican almost exclusively. That string ended today when I voted absentee, and thank goodness I already had my ballot. Because of the party's stance on holding the election today I voted a straight Demo ticket. And if you seek re-election I will not support your effort. That's why I'm contacting you, to let you know my reasons.

My mom is 85, I have 2 children, 3 brothers, a sister, in-laws, nieces, and nephews. All of voting age and all like minded on this issue. We just can not fathom how a group of intelligent people came to push for this outcome.

I hope your relatives and friends stay healthy as they venture out to the polls today.

I can be reached via cell @ 262 689 6530 if you or any of your staff wish to discuss. Thank you for your time.

Bob Boyer

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:43 AM
To: 'Phil Potratz'
Subject: RE: Date of Election

Philip,

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From: Phil Potratz <philip.potratz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Rep.Gundrum <Rep.Gundrum@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Date of Election

When the legislature convenes tomorrow, I want you to vote to delay the in person voting at the polls until the June 6th date proposed by Gov. Evers.

I am a conservative and have voted Republican in every election since I was 18 and now am 69. What the Republicans in the legislature have or have not done regarding the date of this election is a travesty. You are making the party look very selfish and petty. If I am disgusted by your actions, I can only imagine what undecided voters think.

I fear that you have made a huge public relations error in your stance to keep the election to April 7. I wouldn't be surprised to see backlash against your party due to how you have handled this.

I agree with Gov. Evers that the public safety of the voters is of the utmost importance. The other states with elections were smart enough to postpone their elections. How come you weren't? Was it all political to give the Republican Party an edge in this election or was it the mean spirit of trying to make Gov. Evers look bad or make his role as governor more difficult.

Where was the cooperation? Where was the compromise.

I am ashamed to say that I voted by absentee ballot two weeks ago and voted for all the Republicans on the ballot.

Do the right thing for the people of Wisconsin!

Philip Potatz
Jackson, WI

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:42 AM
To: 'briancfrank@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Move the election!

Brian,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:05 PM
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briancfrank@gmail.com

Name

Brian Frank

Address

1676 Horns Corners Rd

City, State Zip Code

Cedarburg, WI 53012

Phone

8156699596

Message Subject

Move the election!

Message

Hello,

I support the governors request to move the election that last thing we should be doing now is forcing people out to congregate in consolidated voting locations. If you truly care about your constituents especially your elderly ones you will support this action. If not I formally request you volunteer to run a polling location instead of risking the health and safety of those volunteers.

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:40 AM
To: 'limabe@charter.net'
Subject: RE: April 7 voting

Linda,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Email

limabe@charter.net

Name

Linda Bettler

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555 Hwy 33

City, State Zip Code

West Bend, WI 3095

Phone

2626752670

Message Subject

April 7 voting

Message

Why on earth would you want to put the state population in jeopardy by not agreeing to delay voting?
Are you really that selfish? I find this unbelievable and unforgivable.

Verify

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:35 AM
To: 'beatrice schaefer'
Subject: RE: Governor postponing tomorrow's election

Beatrice,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: beatrice schaefer <beaschaefer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Governor postponing tomorrow's election

Senator Stroebel,

What is the Senate & Assembly going to do about the Governor postponing tomorrow's election? This is a travesty & something needs to be done.

Thanks,
Bea Schaefer

A concerned voter in Campbellsport, WI

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:34 AM
To: 'donpohlman@frontier.com'
Subject: RE: Keep April 7th, 2020 as WI Election Day

Don,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: donpohlman@frontier.com <donpohlman@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:27 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.LeMahieu <Sen.LeMahieu@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Vorpapel <Rep.Vorpapel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fw: Keep April 7th, 2020 as WI Election Day

So Sad the Governor has to act like this..... appeal.....get this election over..... this election disrupts local governments all over Wisconsin. Keep fighting for the right of law.

Mayor Don

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: donpohlman@frontier.com <donpohlman@frontier.com>
To: Senator Duey Stroebel <sen.stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Senator Devin LeMahieu <sen.lemahieu@legis.wi.gov>; Tyler Vorpapel <rep.vorpapel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020, 11:14:04 AM CDT
Subject: Keep April 7th, 2020 as WI Election Day

Good Morning State Representatives,

Do not CHANGE WI election date of April 7th. There is ample time for voters who want to vote to do so.

Plymouth is now over 1,800 early voters. It can be done.

Mayor Don

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:33 AM
To: 'DeZeeuw, Todd'
Subject: RE: Support Gov. Evers Executive Order #74

Todd,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: DeZeeuw, Todd <dezeewt@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Support Gov. Evers Executive Order #74

In the absence of action taken during the special session concerning the April 7 election during the Covid-19 crisis, I strongly support Governor Evers Executive Order #74. It is incredibly irresponsible to conduct an election at a time when people are being encouraged to only go out when necessary. More problematic is the lack of trained, experienced poll workers that is forcing the closure and/or consolidation of polling places across the state. It is disheartening that Majority Leader Fitzgerald refuses to take steps to ensure that every qualified voter who wishes to has the opportunity to vote without putting their own safety and the safety of the poll workers at risk. Delay the election and take steps to expand absentee voting by mail. A democracy depends on it's citizens having the opportunity to participate, and this unprecedented situation requires unprecedented steps.

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:30 AM
To: 'Jenna'
Subject: RE: Shame on you for voting to have our election move forward

Jenna,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Jenna <jennaderuyter@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Shame on you for voting to have our election move forward

I am very glad that Governor Evers has suspended our primary scheduled for tomorrow.
Shame on you for voting against the health and welfare of your constituents in trying to get this election to take place.
There is a lack of poll workers, and people should be at home. Period.

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:28 AM
To: 'Drew Rutz'
Subject: RE: election

Drew,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Drew Rutz <rutzwis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:14 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: election

I was smart enough several weeks ago to see where things were going and requested, received, and returned my ballot. You Republicans don't care about the Constitution, just about being obstructionist. When the Governor first tried to raise the issue of the date of the election, and possibly extending the deadline for mailing in ballots, or even making it an all-mail-in ballot, you did nothing. He called you back into session and you still did nothing. Our president dithered so much at the outset that many people didn't know what to do. Do Something!
Drew Rutz

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:27 AM
To: 'mwamser@att.net'
Subject: RE: election

Mike,

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Email

mwamser@att.net

Name

Mike Wamser

Address

1251 John Lane

City, State Zip Code

Cedarburg

Phone

Message Subject

election

Message

I've voted Republican my entire life, but this election should have been delayed weeks ago. Republican legislation blew it on this one. I'm not going to vote as my wife has underlying medical conditions and I won't risk it. There isn't room for politics during a pandemic like this. I agree Evers probably couldn't delay it but the legislative should have done the right thing.

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:25 AM
To: 'dspiering1@wi.rr.com'
Subject: RE: Election

Debra,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Name

Debra

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W61 N673 Mequon Av.

City, State Zip Code

Cedarburg

Phone

262-853-7720

Message Subject

Election

Message

Mr Stroebel,

You and your Republican Colleagues should be ashamed of yourselves! It is obvious that your sole purpose in not postponing the election is to manipulate the outcome. You are endangering peoples lives! You have blood on your hands.. How do you sleep at night?

Debra Spiering

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Sen.Stroeel

From: Sen.Stroeel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:23 AM
To: 'Jeff Martin'
Subject: RE: Why?

Jeff,

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Sen. Duey Stroeel

From: Jeff Martin <mart0592@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:39 PM
To: Sen.Stroeel <Sen.Stroeel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Ramthun <Rep.Ramthun@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Why?

Hello:

Public health officials are saying that holding this election is dangerous.

Is playing politics more important to you than human life? Is it your goal to have low voter turnout?

Please explain yourselves.

Thank you for your service.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:23 AM
To: 'Peg Dienhart'
Subject: RE: Voting tomorrow

Margaret,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Peg Dienhart <lgypgy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:43 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting tomorrow

Thank you, in advance, for potentially exposing 1000's of people to the COVID-19 virus. Since I recently moved, I have to register where I now live. I have a suppressed immune system and am borderline asthmatic, with significant allergy problems at this time. I was also recently in the ER for a cardiac issue.

I am not happy about the decision to move forward with voting and for the first time in, I can't even count the years, I will most likely skip the entire process.

I hope you, and others in legislation that did not put off this election process, rest comfortably knowing how many more individuals will most likely contract this deadly virus!

Margaret S Dienhart
1408 N. Green Bay Rd., Apt C
Grafton, WI 53024

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:21 AM
To: 'weissjcw@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Terrible news about election

Judy,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on Election Day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Judy Weiss <weissjcw@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 6:07 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Terrible news about election

Confirmed Wisconsin COVID-19 cases increase to 2,440; 77 dead

Thought I would let know, just in case you are not up to date. You and your leadership are beyond ridiculous. Such a blatant show of voter suppression. Why don't you volunteer in the city of Milwaukee, where there is a severe shortage of workers? Scared? You should be. Shame on you.

Judy Weiss, Cedarburg, WI voter

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:19 AM
To: 'Diane'
Subject: RE: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Diane,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Diane <dlpab@att.net>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 6:07 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Just need to ask why anyone in their right minds would think that voting tomorrow is a sane and rational idea. Time to quit thinking party lines and think in the best interest of the human beings that live in the state of Wisconsin regardless of what party they belong in.
Deeply disappointed,

Diane Pabich

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2020, at 10:06 AM, Senator Duey Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

[View this email in your browser](#)



Friends,

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve I wanted to share a few helpful links and details. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if you have questions about other issues that are not addressed below. We can be reached by [email](#) or by phone at (608) 266-7513.

April 3 Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots for April 7 Election

Earlier this week, [a federal judge ruled](#) that voters in Wisconsin have until 5:00 PM today to request an absentee ballot. Regardless of where you live in Wisconsin, you can request an absentee ballot [here](#).

Many communities in our area are still offering early in-person voting as well. You can contact your local clerk to learn more about those opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who has participated or plans to participate in this election as a voter or poll worker.

Helpful Links on COVID-19

I know we all have questions about COVID-19 and the related issues we are facing. To help answer some of the most frequent questions my office has received I wanted to provide you links to a series of resources.

- [Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [The Wisconsin Department of Health Services - COVID-19 Web Page](#)
- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Business Resources Page](#)
- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Essential Business Declaration Page](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Internal Revenue Service - Information on Economic Impact Payments](#)

Your local County Health Department is also a key resource if you believe you may have COVID-19. I applaud those working in the healthcare field that are not only working to treat those impacted by COVID-19, but to share timely information with the public.

Stay well,

Duey Stroebel



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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:15 AM
To: 'Lester Bartel'
Subject: RE: Thank you

Thank you, Lester.

I appreciate you getting back to me.

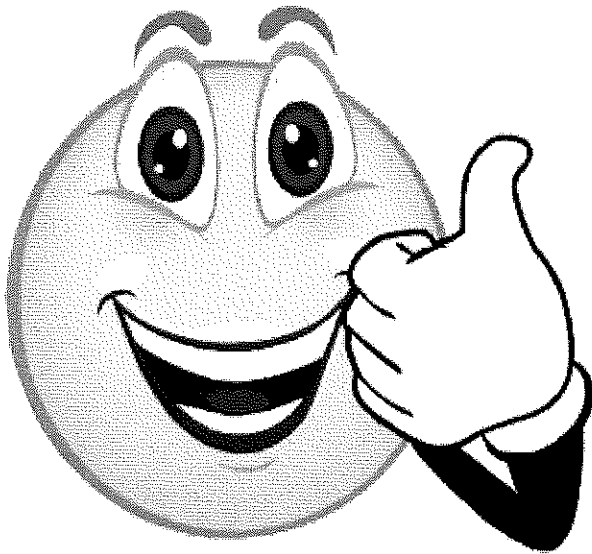
Stay safe and well,

Duey

From: Lester Bartel <LAB@cercogroup.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Thank you

Good morning Duey,

I want to thank you and let you know that I respect your offer to help out on the front lines for today's election. We don't always agree, but I like a guy who puts his words and beliefs into action!



Sincerely,
Lester Bartel

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"Man despite his artistic pretensions, his sophistication, and his many accomplishments-owes his existence to a six inch layer of topsoil and the fact that it rains"

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:14 AM
To: 'kmounts59@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Election

Kyle,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 6:09 PM
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Kyle Mounts

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Message Subject

Election

Message

Senator Stroebel:

I think it's criminal to have the election as you want. I know why you support it--if Milwaukee can't vote, that joke of a judge, Kelly, could be elected.

It's clear that the Republicans in Wisconsin's Senate and Assembly are only interested in maintaining power in Wisconsin. They do not care about the people or the laws.

That's shameful.

Sincerely,

Kyle Mounts

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:07 AM
To: 'Schill76207@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Election

Betsy,

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Schill76207@gmail.com

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Betsy Schill

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Fredonia WI 53021

Phone

Message Subject

Election

Message

I am very disappointed in not postponing tomorrow's vote. We should be making it easy for people to vote not harder.

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:05 AM
To: 'Shelby Vogg'
Subject: RE: Embarrassed

Shelby,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

-----Original Message-----

From: Shelby Vogg <savogg22@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 6:36 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Embarrassed

I am embarrassed that I live in a state that is asking its citizens to risk their lives and the lives of others in order to hold an election tomorrow rather than moving the date of the election.

Neither scenario that could result from this situation is good for Wisconsin. (1) Either people are going to spread the virus and possibly die because they voted or helped run voting, or (2) not many people will vote and our results will not be the will of the people and will be unchangeable.

Neither are good for Wisconsin or its citizens. I hope that you fought for the lives of the people in Wisconsin. I hope that you value the lives of the people living in Wisconsin and fought to move the date of this election to save lives and to give this election the best chance to truly represent the voice of the people.

At a bare minimum that is what I expect my elected officials to do. If you did, then I thank you. If not, then I am sorry that you did not choose to value the lives and health of the people in this state that you represent.

Sincerely,

Shelby Vogg
W197N16988 Stonewall Dr
Jackson WI 53037

Sent from my iPhone

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:04 AM
To: 'Patty'
Subject: RE: Now you may drink the Kool-aid

Patricia,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Patty <1912ky@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 6:39 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Now you may drink the Kool-aid

Congratulations on signing the death warrants of those who die from COVID-19. Naturally you will spend the entire Election Day from start to finish at the Polling place without protection in support of the volunteers.

Thank you for wasting time, money for legal costs and kissing Trump's ass.

Patricia Frede
n79w5589 Woodland Rd
Cedarburg, WI

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In life it's important to know when to stop arguing with people and simply let them be wrong.

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:02 AM
To: 'jrothenbach@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Voting...

Jim,

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From: jrothenbach@gmail.com <jrothenbach@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 6:51 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting...

Duey,

What the Republicans are doing regarding the voting date not being extended is irresponsible on two fronts: right to be safe and right to vote.

All elected representatives should work for all of its citizens to protect their safety. Partisanship has gone too far when it starts to endanger health and lives!

We should all be doing our part and job to stop the spread of this virus.

Make a Difference and Enjoy the Day!
Jim Rothenbach
1546 Fox Hollow Lane
Cedarburg

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:01 AM
To: 'b_kelly@charter.net'
Subject: RE: Wisconsin Primary Election

Mary Ann,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:31 PM
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262 338 1604

Message Subject

Wisconsin Primary Election

Message

Mr. Stroebel,

As one of your constituents, I would like to say that the actions of the Republican party today to appeal to the Wisconsin Supreme Court to over rule Governor Ever's executive order, were unconscionable and show a total disregard for the lives of your constituents. This is a deadly pandemic and people in Wisconsin are dying daily because of this virus. By not delaying the election, you are putting millions of Wisconsin citizens at risk of contacting the coronavirus. Shame on you and your party.

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Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:00 AM
To: 'Gregory LABUDA'
Subject: RE: Postpone the Vote

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

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From: Gregory LABUDA <labudafamily@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:39 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Postpone the Vote

Your lack, and the Republican Party's, lack of concern for public safety is dangerous. Post and support absentee voting. You and your party no longer have my support.

Disappointed Hartford Resident

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:00 AM
To: 'dward@wi.rr.com'
Subject: RE: Voting on Tuesday

Damon and Joanne,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: dward@wi.rr.com <dward@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:00 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Rob.Brooks <Rep.Rob.Brooks@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Voting on Tuesday

Dear Senator Stroebe and Representative Brooks,

My husband and I are writing to express our extreme disappointment in our state legislature's decision not to postpone the upcoming election and even more so by the political games that are being played in the midst of a pandemic. Further, we are disappointed in the republican party's unwillingness to reach a compromise and inability to work with Governor Evers to find a solution that keeps the people of Wisconsin safe from corona virus risk. Fortunately, my husband and I have already mailed in our absentee ballots. You can be certain that Governor Evers has our fullest support. Please search your conscience this evening and do the right thing! Sincerely-Damon and Joanne Ward (Fredonia)

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:00 AM
To: 'James Oesterreich'
Subject: RE: Wisconsin voting date to remain April 7th

James,

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From: James Oesterreich <jamesoesterreich@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:06 PM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wisconsin voting date to remain April 7th

Senator Stroebel, as a long time conservative supporter I find myself more and more difficult in continuing to do so.

It seems we live in a time of us versus them all the time now. Democrats against Republicans or Republicans against Democrats. It never seems about the people anymore, it only seems about the party. Neither side gives in, instead each side digs their heels in deeper and the ones that suffer are the voters.

This latest gaff of not being able to come to an agreement about delaying voting amid the coronavirus pandemic. What is the big deal? Why could this not be done? What are we afraid of? My gosh, we have delayed everything else, schools, businesses, churches & other....shut down for the safety of our people. Yet, rather than come to a compromise with the other side we just go ahead and go to the Supreme Court to block the Governors attempt to delay the election till June.

Talk about disruption at the last hour. Many voters will not vote or get a chance to vote. These are extreme times and we deserve better. I am so tired of this and am fast loosing support for the Republican Party. Living in Washington

county, where most of us are Republican, many of us do not understand this latest move and feel like we got a bunch of high schoolers in office.

I don't know if I can continue to back this party anymore if the party can't take the higher road at times for the citizens of this state. They are first...not the parties

James G Oesterreich
4545 Greystone drive
Richfield, Wi. 53076

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:59 AM
To: 'schielp@gmail.com'
Subject: RE:

Michael,

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Michael Schiel

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Message

Dear Senator Stroebel,

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Sincerely,

Michael Schiel
Resident of Cedarburg, WI

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:57 AM
To: 'Joseph Georgeson'
Subject: RE: Unbelievable

Joseph,

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Sen. Duey Stroebe

-----Original Message-----

From: Joseph Georgeson <joe31415@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:11 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Unbelievable

I hope you are happy with yourself. I hope your family never hears the story of your motives. You disgust me. I would love to meet you and give a piece of my mind in person.

I don't think you even get the disgust I have for your decisions. We have a pandemic. Yet you think about your own politics. What a sad story. History will not look favorably on what you have done and everyone needs to know this and will.

Very Very Sad.

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:57 AM
To: 'schiel.john@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: An Urgent Call to Postpone Tomorrow's Election

John,

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An Urgent Call to Postpone Tomorrow's Election

Message

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4 April 2020

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Wisconsin State Senator
20th Senate District

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John Schiel
Resident of Cedarburg, WI

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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:56 AM
To: 'Matthew Wallner'
Subject: RE: April 7th Election

Matt,

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Matthew Wallner <matthewjwallner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 8:09 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rep.Gundrum <Rep.Gundrum@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7th Election

To my "Representatives",
The handling of today's election was an absolute embarrassment. I understand the need to keep the cycle of government as normal as possible, but the fact that nothing was done until the DAY BEFORE is just a disgrace. How can you claim to care about the health and well being of the citizens you are supposed to represent? It's not like the virus came out of nowhere how could you let nothing happen until the 11th hour? I am very saddened by your response as well as the response of the rest of our elected officials.

--Matt Wallner

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:55 AM
To: 'swansarosa02@gmail.com'
Subject: RE:

Patti,

Thanks for the message. Sen. Kooyenga's staff brought your email to my attention as a legislative courtesy after determining you reside in my district (the 20th State Senate District).

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From: Patti Swanson <swansarosa02@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 8:44 AM
To: Sen.Kooyenga <Sen.Kooyenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject:

Does the GOP see all those old people with canes & no masks etc standing in long lines today? Blood on your hands. Unconscionable !! Patti Swanson. Washington County constituent

Sen.Stroebel

From: Sen.Stroebel
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:53 AM
To: 'Linda Shields'
Subject: RE: Wisconsin Election During Pandemic.

Linda,

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Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Linda Shields <nplivy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:00 AM
To: Rep.Gundrum <Rep.Gundrum@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wisconsin Election During Pandemic.

Shame on you. Not only will more people become ill and die but you put the lives of healthcare workers at increased risk and have likely increased the risk of stressing the healthcare system in WI. I certainly hope you realize what a corrupt, deceitful decision this was. Increased infection means increased risk for all of us.

You must really dislike the Democrats and Republicans of this state. Voting is important right of all of the people of Wisconsin and this country. We should be allowed to choose who will represent us and to do it fairly. You and your party do not believe in that premise. You do not seem to have any concern for ethics or integrity. Whatever it takes for your party to win, even if it requires that you make a decision to risk the health of the people of Wisconsin that you have pledged to serve, you will do it. You have all worked hard to make it as difficult as possible for people to safely vote or to have their vote count.

You just likely caused an increase in the number of people going out to vote and spread COVID 19. What is wrong with you? I hope you set aside some time to reflect on what a despicable decision this was. Oh wait....you only expected to suppress voter turnout. You realize that is one of the only ways Republicans can win elections. I hope you are proud. May this debacle hang around you neck for the rest of your life.

Mrs. Linda Shields, RN, MSN, Nurse Practitioner
sent from Mail for Windows 10



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Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:46 AM
To: 'Gwen Medved'
Subject: RE: I am your constituent, and I support COS

Gwen,

Thanks for the message regarding SJR 57/AJR 77. I am co-sponsor and supporter of the resolution. I voted earlier this month to recommend passage of the resolution in Senate committee. I plan to once again vote in favor of the resolution if it is scheduled for a vote on the Senate floor prior to the close of the session.

Thank you again for the outreach.

Best,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Gwen Medved <petitions@cosaction.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:58 PM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: I am your constituent, and I support COS



Dear Senator Duey Stroebel,

My name is Gwen Medved and I live in Saint Cloud.

Almost everyone knows that our federal government is on a dangerous course. The unsustainable debt combined with crushing regulations on states and business is a recipe for disaster.

What is less known is that the Founders gave state legislatures the power to act as a final check on abuses of power by Washington, DC. Article V of the US Constitution authorizes the state legislatures to call a convention for proposing needed amendments to the Constitution.

Citizens for Self-Governance has launched the Convention of States Project to call an Article V convention to propose only amendments that would impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit its power and jurisdiction, and impose term limits on its officials and members of Congress.

I support this approach. I want our state to be one of the necessary 34 states to pass a resolution calling for this kind of Article V Convention. You can find a copy of the model resolution and the Handbook for Legislators and Citizens (which explains the process and answers many questions) here: https://conventionofstates.com/handbook_pdf

I ask that you support the Convention of States Project and consider becoming a co-sponsor of the resolution.

Please respond to my request by informing the national COS team of your position, or sending them any questions you may have: info@cosaction.com or (540) 441-7227.

Thank you so much for your service to the people of our district.

Respectfully,

Gwen Medved

gwrnmedved@gmail.com

W1155 County Road Q, Saint Cloud, WI, 53079-1233

Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:50 AM
To: 'Ed Eldredge'
Subject: RE: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Edmund,

I apologize for the delayed response.

The Wisconsin Elections Commission recently issued some guidance on completing the witness signature requirement for individuals who live alone.

Here is a link to said guidance: <https://elections.wi.gov/node/6790>

Thank you,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

From: Ed Eldredge <ed.eldredge@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Dear Senator,

I have an absentee ballot and it requires a witness for my signature. I live alone and do not have anyone to do that without some degree of exposure and inconvenience. Is it really necessary ?

Edmund Eldredge
Cedarburg

On Fri, Apr 3, 2020 at 10:07 AM Senator Duey Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:50 AM
To: 'Marie Galbraith'
Subject: RE: Absentee Voting

Marie,

I apologize for the delayed response.

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Here is a link to said guidance: <https://elections.wi.gov/node/6790>

Thank you,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Marie Galbraith <tomarie98@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Absentee Voting

Dear Senator Stroebel:

I have an absentee ballot, but apparently they are very strict about my signature being witnessed. My community (condo association) is very strictly adhering to social distancing rule, and as I am a widow living alone, I have no one to witness my signature.

Very frustrating, as they told me I have to send it back, but vote will not count.

Marie Galbraith
414 Novak St.
Hartford, WI

Sen.Stroebe1

From: Sen.Stroebe1
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:10 AM
To: 'Dennis Evans'
Subject: RE: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

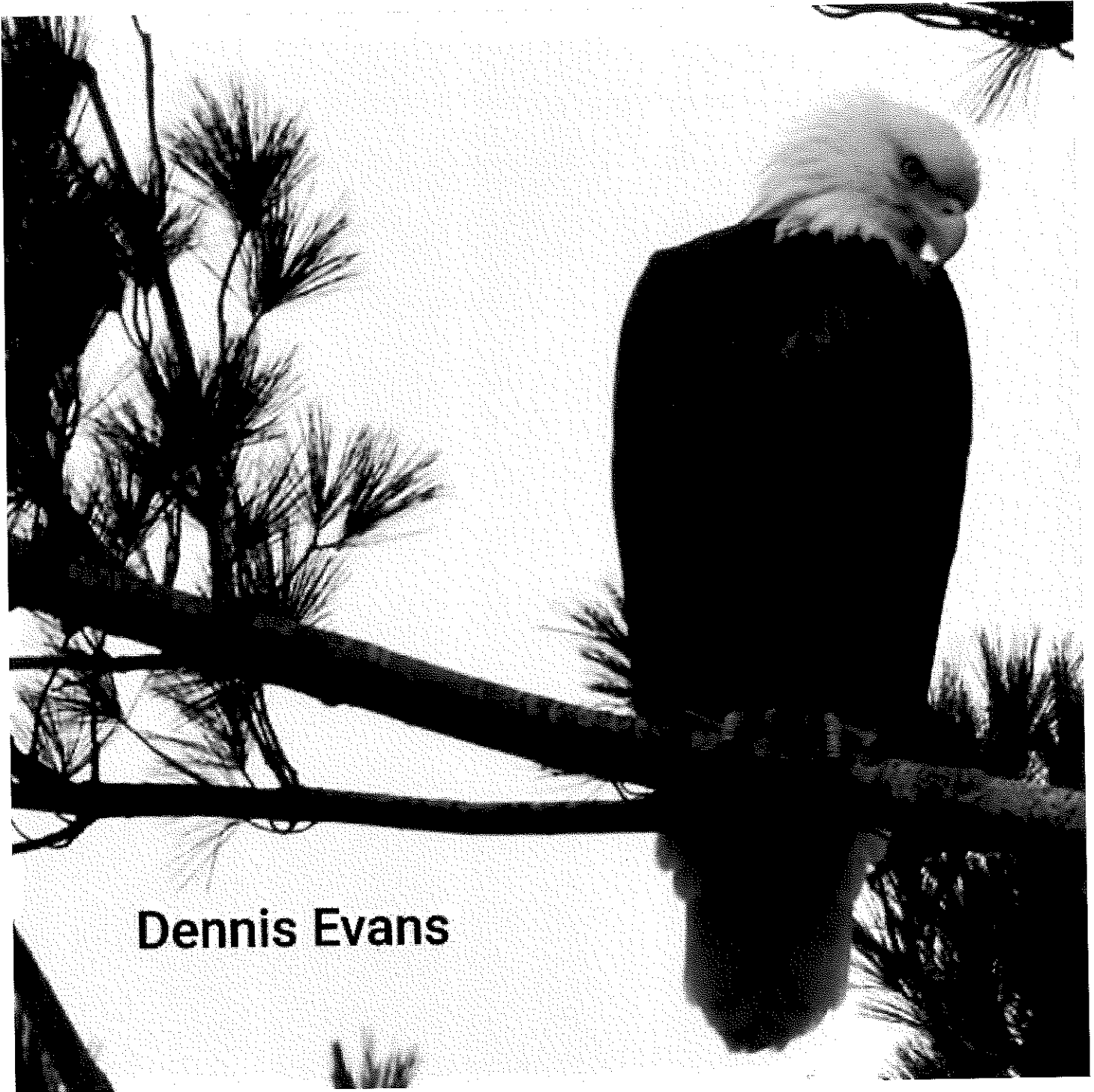
Dennis,

I will be serving as a poll worker in the City of Cedarburg today.

Thank you,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Dennis Evans <dennisevans007@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:00 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe1 <Sen.Stroebe1@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots



Dennis Evans

We need to have all Republican legislators and Supreme court justices immediately volunteer to become poll workers to show us how safe it is to go thru the voting in person process!!!

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From: Senator Duey Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:05:48 AM
To: dennisevans007@hotmail.com <dennisevans007@hotmail.com>
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Sen.Stroebe

From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:57 AM
Subject: COVID-19 Statement
Attachments: 04.10.20 COVID-19 Statement on Model.docx

For Immediate Release
April 10, 2020

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Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:37 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Soper, John; Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: RE: Tweet

That works for me.

My suggestion was going to be:

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From: Stroebel, Duey
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:32 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Cc: Soper, John; Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: Re: Tweet

How about?

“A total of 443 COVID-19 patients are currently in Wisconsin hospitals-that’s less than one person for every 13,000 Wisconsin residents”

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2020, at 9:13 PM, Stroebel, Duey <Duey.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

I just don’t like referencing positive tests. It really lacks any statistical benchmark, let alone the fact that many of those have recovered.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2020, at 9:07 PM, Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Duey,

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From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 4:52 PM
To: Stroebe, Duey
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark; Soper, John
Subject: Tweets on COVID-19
Attachments: Tweets on COVID-19.docx

Duey,

Attached are 16 tweets that we could post as a thread. It's a lot of content, but it generally covers the data and your advocacy for cutting state spending. The tweets include 3 images (hot spot map, ICU utilization in two regions, and the total deaths scenario chart).

Let me know what you think.

Mark and John, I made some edits for clarity and typos since I sent it to you, if you guys take a look please check this one rather than the earlier version.

Luke

As more data becomes available and we learn from the experiences of other states and countries it is important that we adapt our strategies for tackling COVID-19. We need a data driven approach to manage these challenges, so let's look at the data in this thread.

First, a note on the models, I'm referring to the Institute for Health Metric and Evaluation model in this thread, you can see the model here: <https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america>

The model is constantly being updated, I looked at it this morning and it projects a peak need for resources on April 13 and 424 total deaths in Wisconsin by August 4, 2020.

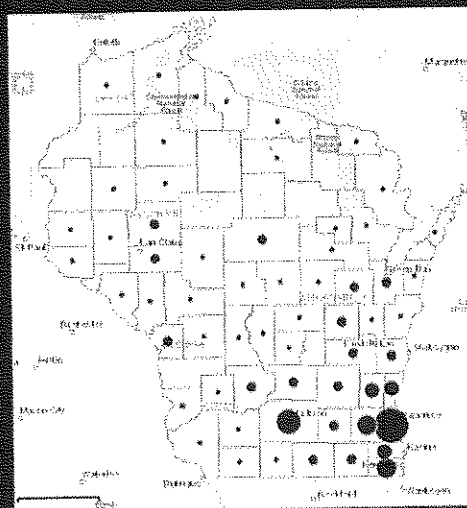
I appreciate that the model is being updated as more data is available, we should take the same approach to policy setting. So let's dive into some of the relevant data for policymakers in Wisconsin, starting with the regional differences within our state.

Like other challenges we face, COVID-19 has had different impacts in different places. Everyone agrees Milwaukee County has an outbreak. This is not the reality in most communities across our state. If the challenges vary across Wisconsin, so should our policies.

Milwaukee County has 1,484 reported cases for an incident rate of 1.56 cases/1,000 people. There are other counties like Lincoln County in more remote parts of Wisconsin without a single positive case despite dozens of tests. The policies in these places should be different.

Having the same COVID-19 strategy in Milwaukee County (1.56 cases/1,000 people) that we have in Lincoln County (no cases) makes no sense.

Wisconsin needs a new plan for to contain COVID-19 and get our economy back on track.



Some form of social distancing everywhere may be appropriate, but leaving businesses that @GovEvers has deemed non-essential in many communities on the sidelines does not seem to balance the likely risk of COVID-19 with the other costs of these actions.

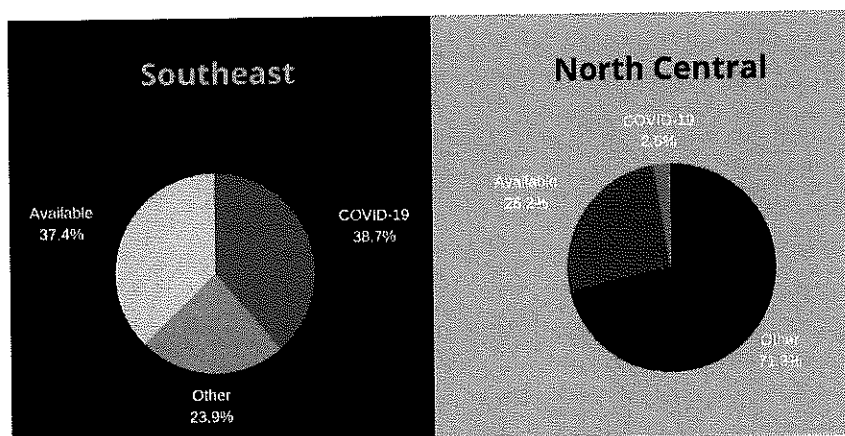
As we zoom back out to a view of all of Wisconsin, we should talk about the capacity of our hospitals. First, I applaud the tremendous effort of our healthcare professionals, they have done amazing work during this stressful time.

The Wisconsin Hospital Association launched an informative dashboard with many key facts to understand the COVID-19 situation in Wisconsin. You can view it here:
<https://www.wha.org/COVID19Update>

This dashboard is superior to the DHS one in many key ways, including the ability to filter information by region, making the differences across Wisconsin even clearer.

The WHA dashboard also provides data on hospital and ICU use for COVID-19 and other causes. Like the COVID-19 incidence rate, the hospital utilization numbers make it clear that different communities are experiencing different situations.

State-wide there are 1,395 ICU beds. 185 of these beds are currently occupied by COVID-19 patients and 404 are currently available. I've included breakdowns of two areas to illustrate the differences between regions of our state.



One of the major questions I get is how is the death total for Wisconsin being projected? The IHME model projects 424 total deaths in Wisconsin by August 4. Two important factors for total deaths are total cases and death rate.

For total cases, we are at 3,068 positive tests today and death rates in other countries range from .08% to 13.04% with the United States being at about 3.4% currently. Using these values we can make the table below for possible scenarios.

	1x 3,068	1.5x 4,602	2x 6,136	3x 9,204	4x 12,272	5x 15,340	10x 30,680
1%	31	46	61	92	123	153	307
2%	61	92	123	184	245	307	614
3%	92	138	184	276	368	460	920
3.4%	104	156	209	313	417	522	1,043
4%	123	184	245	368	491	614	1,227
5%	153	230	307	460	614	767	1,534
6%	184	276	368	552	736	920	1,841
7%	215	322	430	644	859	1,074	2,148
8%	245	368	491	736	982	1,227	2,454
9%	276	414	552	828	1,104	1,381	2,761
10%	307	460	614	920	1,227	1,534	3,068
11%	337	506	675	1,012	1,350	1,687	3,375
12%	368	552	736	1,104	1,473	1,841	3,682
13%	399	598	798	1,197	1,595	1,994	3,988

Values in the Chart

- Death Rates ranging from 1% to 13%
- According to the Center of Evidence Based Medicine death rates in other countries range from .08% (New Zealand) to 13.04% (Algeria)
- The death rate in America is approximately 3.4%
- Positive Cases as a multiple of the April 10th positive cases count

Calculated death counts exceeding the 424 projected by IHME are shaded in white

As policy makers consider these scenarios and shape future policies it is important to remember that the economic impact of our current policies will be profound. Tax collections will fall because of the shelter-in-place order and government spending must match this decline.

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Soper, John; Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: RE: Draft Op-Ed
Attachments: Draft COVID - Next Steps Op-Ed - FULLER EDITS.docx

I made some edits that fall into 3 buckets (strike through and bold and red in the attached document).

- Standardized all dates to be the May 10th with the th format
- Expanded contractions to full words, i.e. don't to do not
- Used a hyphen in the first sentence of the last paragraph so it reads "It is irresponsible to conceal the truth from Wisconsinites - we will likely be unable to live up to all the promises for the current state budget." A semicolon might be more appropriate, not sure what everyone thinks.

On timing, I would say let's aim to have it on MacIver or Empower Wisconsin on Monday, which would make most of the tenses past tense.

From: Soper, John
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Suspicious URL:Draft Op-Ed

I took what Duey started with and aligned the changes to match what we updated in our Press Release. I have a couple verbs bolded/underlined so we can change the tense to what is appropriate given when we expect it to go public. Most of the press release is included in these 838 words.

It is worth noting that the overall arch of cases fits our description. The highest daily changes in dates/infections will be right around when this piece drops. We should expect criticisms we are again ignoring science/putting people at risk etc... particularly those who choose to blame the expected peak on the election occurring.

Everyone take a look.

John

Easter Sunday marks one month since Governor Evers declared a public health emergency. According to the prevailing IHME national model, we are right about at the peak of COVID-19 growth in Wisconsin. This national model has revised down its predictions to a total of 424 Wisconsin deaths by August 4th. The trajectory of cases and deaths in Wisconsin is many times lower than the initial projections upon which Governor Evers and Secretary-Designee Palm based their policies. In fact, on March 24, Secretary-Designee Palm warned that the state's current path would lead to 22,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases and up to 1,500 of those cases leading to deaths from our state population of 5.8 million. As of Friday the 10th, we just eclipsed 3,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 128 Wisconsinites have sadly lost their lives as a result of the virus.

Thanks to the sacrifices of our fellow Wisconsinites, the state has not suffered the type of outbreak Secretary-Designee Palm warned we would. Everyone should be celebrating this outcome. With COVID-19 patients only taking up about 13.3% of all ICU beds in Wisconsin, with about 29% of ICU space still available on April 10th, the concern of overwhelming our medical system is not as imminent or inevitable as it seemed previously. However, that means we must start planning for the next phase - a reopening of the state. As was recently asked of the President, I ask of the Governor, "what's what is the plan?" We recognize that returning to "normal" will not happen overnight, but the Governor must provide some leadership and explain the steps necessary to reignite our shared economy.

As we enter this new phase of the COVID-19 situation, I believe we need to both take a fresh look at old problems and start brainstorming solutions for new problems that have arisen. Unfortunately, the Governor is still focused on even further closing down society. Last Thursday he closed 40 state parks and threatened more. ~~It's~~ It is not hard to practice social distancing when walking through hundreds of acres of state land. If there truly were management issues, then deal with the problem, ~~don't do not~~ do not punish state residents. In addition, only because of the efforts of the Wisconsin Institute of Law & Liberty and my colleague Senator Dave Craig are Wisconsinites able to sit in church parking lots for Easter services. Instead of looking to close off more segments of society and the economy, the Governor should be working with legislators to begin loosening the state stranglehold.

Every sickness and death is a tragedy, but so are businesses and livelihoods ruined by shelter in place orders. The same rings true for the pronounced negative impacts on civil liberties and quality of life. Good policy making is a cost/benefit analysis. The entire basis for the orders was to prevent our health care system from being overrun. While there are benefits to health safety measures, new data demands we run the analysis continuously.

Nationwide there are dramatic economic impacts from our COVID-19 prevention strategies. The coffers of Wisconsin will not be immune from the brakes being slammed on our economy. Besides being counterproductive, indefinite sheltering orders will eventually lead to widespread ignoring of otherwise necessary portions of the order. We need to begin planning an orderly method of reopening our civil life in stages to refresh our economy and liberties soon. Even under optimum restart conditions, tough decisions will need to be made about our state finances. States ~~can't~~ cannot print money like the federal government can.

It is irresponsible to conceal the truth from Wisconsinites ~~that~~ – we will likely be unable to live up to all the promises of the current state budget. I am not going to tell constituents, who are losing their businesses, getting laid off and seeing their nest eggs dip with the stock market to pay higher taxes so that state and local employees can avoid unpaid furloughs, or so that government programs can grow at twice the rate of inflation. We do not yet know what our fiscal challenges will look like in a few months, but these are challenges that will only get worse if we fail to reopen our society in a timely fashion.

On May 10th the Governor's Executive Order, which serves as the foundation for the DHS emergency orders, expires. It can only be extended by joint resolution of the Legislature. Instead of further constraining the economy and the state's residents, I implore the Governor to work with legislative leaders to identify the areas of the economy and society that can begin reopening while taking the necessary steps to continue protecting our most vulnerable and ensuring our health care system is not overwhelmed. That will likely require some tough decisions regarding events and gatherings we all enjoy. But an indefinite shelter order will not be extended. I trust my fellow Wisconsinites to take reasonable precautions to protect themselves, their families, and their neighbors. The Governor must have a plan to reignite this state no later than May 10th. If he ~~doesn't~~ **does not**, the Legislature will.

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Soper, John; Radcliffe, Mark
Attachments: Tweets on COVID-19.docx

Lots here, let me know what you think before I send them to Duey. I tried to break the train of thought where it made sense and that probably leads to a couple of extra tweets, but what's the difference between 12 or 16 tweets?

As more data becomes available and we learn from the experiences of other states and countries it is important that we adapt our strategies for tackling COVID-19. We need a data driven approach to manage these challenges, so let's look at the data in this thread.

First, a note on the models, I'm referring to the Institute for Health Metric and Evaluation model in this thread, you can see the model here: <https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america>

The model is constantly being updated, I looked at it this morning and it projects a peak need for resources on April 13 and 424 total deaths in Wisconsin by August 4, 2020.

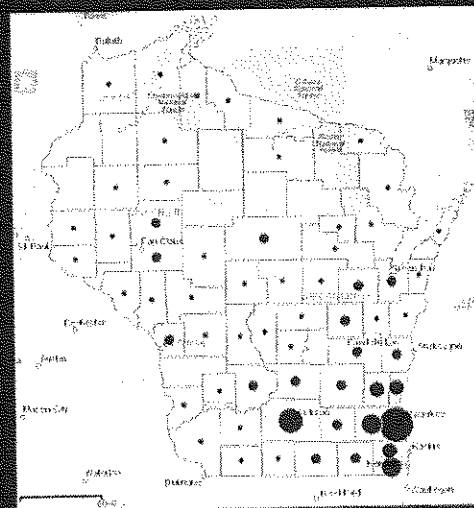
I appreciate that the model is being updated as more data is available, we should take the same approach to policy setting. So let's dive into some of the relevant data for policymakers in Wisconsin, starting with the regional differences within our state.

Like other challenges we face, COVID-19 has had different impacts in different places. Everyone agrees Milwaukee County has an outbreak. This is not the reality in most communities across our state. If the challenges vary across Wisconsin, so should our policies.

Milwaukee County has 1,484 reported cases for an incident rate of 1.56 cases/1,000 people. There are other counties like Lincoln County in more remote parts of Wisconsin without a single positive case despite dozens of tests. The policies in these places should be different.

Having the same COVID-19 strategy in Milwaukee County (1.56 cases/1,000 people) that we have in Lincoln County (no cases) makes no sense.

Wisconsin needs a new plan for to contain COVID-19 and get our economy back on track.



Some form of social distancing everywhere may be appropriate, but leaving businesses that @GovEvers has deemed non-essential in many communities on the sidelines does not seem to balance the likely risk of COVID-19 with the other costs of these actions.

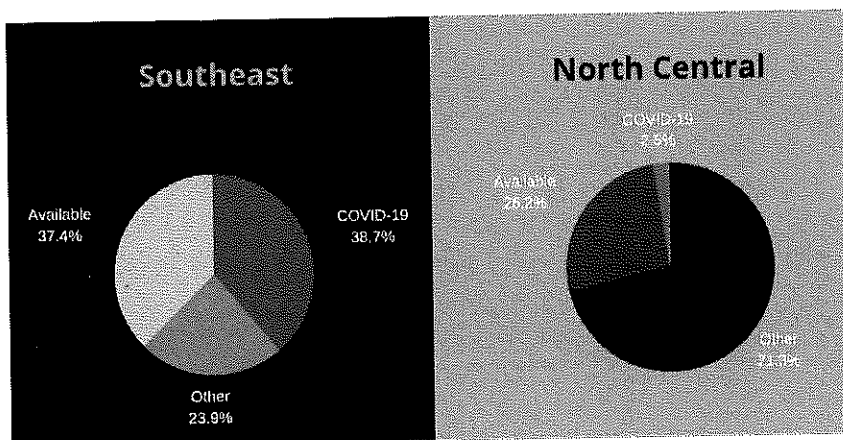
As we zoom back out to a view of all of Wisconsin we should talk about the capacity of our hospitals. First, I applaud the tremendous effort of our healthcare professionals, they have done amazing work during this stressful time.

The Wisconsin Hospital Association launched an informative dashboard with many key facts to understand the COVID-19 situation in Wisconsin. You can view it here:
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This dashboard is superior to the DHS one in many key ways, including the ability to filter information by region, making the differences across Wisconsin even clearer.

The WHA dashboard also provides data on hospital and ICU use for COVID-19 and other causes. Like the COVID-19 incidence rate, the hospital utilization numbers make it clear that different communities are experiencing different situations.

State-wide there are 1,395 ICU beds. 185 of these beds are currently occupied by COVID-19 patients and 404 are currently available. I've included breakdowns of two regions to illustrate the differences between regions of our state.



One of the major questions I get is how is the death total for Wisconsin being projected? The IHME model projects 424 total deaths in Wisconsin by August 4. Two important factors for total deaths are total cases and death rate.

For total cases, we are at 3,068 positive tests today and death rates range in other countries range from .08% to 13.04% with the United States being at about 3.4% currently. Using these values we can make the table below for possible scenarios.

	1x	1.5x	2x	3x	4x	5x	10x
	3,068	4,602	6,136	9,204	12,272	15,340	30,680
1%	31	46	61	92	123	153	307
2%	61	92	123	184	245	307	614
3%	92	138	184	276	368	460	920
3.4%	104	156	209	313	417	522	1,043
4%	123	184	245	368	491	614	1,227
5%	153	230	307	460	614	767	1,534
6%	184	276	368	552	736	920	1,841
7%	215	322	430	644	859	1,074	2,148
8%	245	368	491	736	982	1,227	2,454
9%	276	414	552	828	1,104	1,381	2,761
10%	307	460	614	920	1,227	1,534	3,068
11%	337	506	675	1,012	1,350	1,687	3,375
12%	368	552	736	1,104	1,473	1,841	3,682
13%	399	598	798	1,197	1,595	1,994	3,988

Values in the Chart

- Death Rates ranging from 1% to 13%
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- The death rate in America is approximately 3.4%
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Just cleaned up the file name

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STATE SENATOR • 20TH DISTRICT

For Immediate Release

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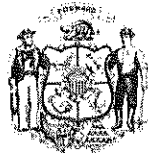
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Updated with some more info in the attached version, let me know what you think.

Luke

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Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 5:28 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas; Soper, John
Subject: COVID-19 Data

I'm starting an email thread based on Duey's research ask.

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Wisconsin Population: 5.8 million

- *[Per Capita calculations to TBD]*

That's what I was able to come up with for now. Luke, please critique and revise where needed. I know I could use it.

Thanks,

Mark Radcliffe

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Brief Overview of WHA Dashboard

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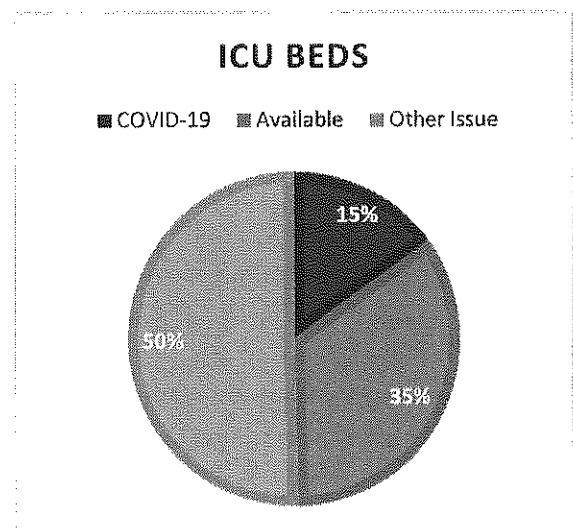
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Hospital Capacity

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General Capacity and COVID-19 Usage Overview

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The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation IHME Model projects the peak demand for resources to be April 13, 2020 in Wisconsin. This is the model funded by Bill Gates and affiliated with the University of Washington. At different Whitehouse Press Briefings this model has been referred to as the Chris Murray Model. These projections were last updated on April 7 when we pulled the data on April 9.

Below is a side by side comparison of those projected needs for April 13 (peak) and April 9 vs. the totals reported on April 9.

Metric	Projected April 13	Projected April 9	April 9 Actual
Hospital Beds	926	801	446
ICU Beds	184	146	196
Total Deaths	193	123	111

This model has been revised several times to gradually flatten the curve (reducing both peak and overall deaths) and to move the peak up in time. Proponents of shelter-in-place and social distancing policies will indicate that these policies led to these changes while critics will argue the initial projections were unlikely doomsday scenarios.

This argument from proponents of these policies benefits from the duration of time between the likely peak in Wisconsin (sometime this week perhaps) and the implementation of these policies (March 25). The argument is less ridiculous on its face than in Ohio in the Fox News article you shared where Ohio officials are essentially arguing their policies were so effective they combated COVID-19 before being put in place.

Given these differences in policy to peak cases between Wisconsin and Ohio there is certainly a case to be made that the initial projections were likely too high. Teasing out the details here though will be difficult, especially without knowing if Wisconsin has peaked or not.

COVID-19 has hit Southeast Wisconsin harder than the rest of the state

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This concentration in southeast Wisconsin matches the distribution in many other states (New York, Michigan, etc) where the hotspots are in urban areas that have large airports. The intuitive explanations offered in the media for this have generally focused on travelers returning to these areas from international hotspots and that community transmission has been aided by the density of these communities and the things that come with that, public transit, etc.

Deaths per 100,000 residents

At this point Wisconsin has about 2 deaths per 100,000 residents (111/5.85 million). New York has the highest death per 100,000 residents at 32. You can see the full list of states [here](#). I've broken out our Midwest neighbors below:

- Michigan 10
- Illinois 4
- Indiana 3
- Ohio 2
- Wisconsin 2
- Minnesota 1
- Iowa 1

Back of the Envelope Math

Given all this information, we can try and replicate the projected death totals in the IHME model.

The most straight forward way to calculate total deaths would be to multiply total cases by death rate. This simple calculation is complicated by the difficulty of determining both factors. Total cases is complicated by our lack of testing which creates uncounted cases that already exist and the challenges of modeling future cases. Reported death rates vary enormously by country. According to the [Center of Evidence Based Medicine](#) death rates range from 13.04% (Algeria) to .08% (New Zealand). The United States death rate is 3.4% currently. Assuming a 3.4% death rate in Wisconsin, we would need about 12,470 cases to reach the IHME projected 424 deaths. This would require the positive cases in Wisconsin to quadruple.

I've done some basic what if calculations in the table below to contextualize the numbers in terms of total deaths in Wisconsin.

A few disclaimers. The biggest variable in death rate seems to be exceeding capacity, a scenario that currently seems unlikely in Wisconsin. I've chosen the total positives by just linearly scaling up the positives from the April 9 total of 2,885. COVID-19 has had exponential growth at different times in

different places, but I'm not convinced there is a proper model out there to gauge where we are in the growth process. As a result, I've simply chosen a wide variety of different values to adequately cover a wide range of possible results. The IHME model projects 424 total deaths by August 2020. I've shaded outcomes that exceed that total in grey in the table to give some context to the table.

	April 9 Positives	1.5x	2x	3x	5x	10x
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2.0%	58	87	115	173	289	577
3.0%	87	130	173	260	433	866
4.0%	115	173	231	346	577	1154
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One final note, the Spanish Flu had multiple peaks across a multi-month period in the United States, but the IHME model specifically says these are deaths by August 4, 2020 so they are not taking into account deaths from a second peak next fall, etc.

Other Resources

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This concentration in southeast Wisconsin matches the distribution in many other states (New York, Michigan, etc) where the hotspots are in urban areas that have large airports. The intuitive explanations offered in the media for this have generally focused on travelers returning to these areas from international hotspots and that community transmission has been aided by the density of these communities and the things that come with that, public transit, etc.

Cases in Wisconsin continue to go up, but not as rapidly as previously anticipated:

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Anticipated Narrative from the Evers Administration:

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:05 PM
To: Soper, John
Subject: RE: Thoughts?

2nd paragraph that first sentence reads awkwardly, maybe "Will we update our modeling to reflect reality and our data that has regularly fallen well short of the projections?"

Washington, DC at the end of the 4th paragraph or maybe just call it the state and federal government rather than Wisconsin/Washington DC.

From: Soper, John
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Thoughts?

Luke,

What are your thoughts on this as a long press release? Besides attacking the off-base predictions, Duey wanted to start the dialogue on reopening the economy in a language liberals would understand... budget cuts to their sacred cows when we don't have the \$.

This Sunday will be one month since Governor Evers declared a public health emergency. The trajectory of cases and deaths in Wisconsin is many times lower than the initial projections upon which Governor Evers and Secretary-Designee Pam based their policies. As we enter this new phase of the COVID situation, I believe we need to both take a fresh look at old problems and start brainstorming solutions for new problems that have arisen.

Will we update our modeling to account for the deviations projections had from now observable facts? Every sickness and death is a tragedy, but so are businesses and livelihoods ruined by shelter in place orders. So are the large negative impacts on civil liberties and quality of life. Good policy making is a cost/benefit analysis. There continue to be benefits to health safety measures, but new data demands we run the analysis again.

Nationwide there are dramatic economic impacts of our anti-COVID activities. The coffers of Wisconsin will not be immune from the brakes being slammed on our economy. Besides being counterproductive, indefinite sheltering orders will eventually lead to civil disobedience. We need to begin planning an orderly method of reopening our civil life in stages to refresh our economy and liberties soon. Even under optimum restart conditions, tough decisions will need to be made about our state finances. Wisconsin can't print money like Washington DC can.

It is irresponsible to conceal the truth from Wisconsinites that we will likely not be able to live up to all the promises of the current state budget. I am not going to tell constituents, who are losing their businesses, getting laid off and seeing their nest eggs dip with the stock market to pay higher taxes so that state and local employees can avoid unpaid furloughs, or so that government programs can grow at twice the rate of inflation. We do not yet know what our fiscal challenges will look like in a few months, but these are challenges that will only get worse if we fail to reopen our society in a timely fashion.

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Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 3:05 PM
To: The-Wheeler-Report
Subject: RE: Wheeler Report - 04/08/20

As always, thanks for all you guys do. The Wheeler Report is a valuable resource and I've pointed many of my family and friends to the website when they have questions about the COVID-19 issues as they unfold.

Hope you are both staying well.

Luke

From: The-Wheeler-Report <wheeler@thewheelerreport.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 2:49 PM
To: Wheeler Reports <Wheeler-Reports@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wheeler Report - 04/08/20



Wednesday, April 8, 2020

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION UPDATED

While an Extraordinary Session has yet to be called, it now seems unlikely the session will occur this week, more likely it will occur next week.

APRIL SPECIAL SESSIONS ADJOURNED

Both April Special Sessions Governor Evers called pertaining to the April 7 Spring Election have been adjourned pursuant to SJR-1. The January Special Session is still open.

ELECTIONS COMMISSION MEDIA BRIEFING

The Wisconsin Elections Commission held a media briefing to discuss the April 7, 2020 spring election. According to Meagan Wolfe, Wisconsin Elections Commission Administrator, several incidents pertaining to US Postal Service processing of absentee ballots have been brought to the

WEC's attention and they are working with USPS to understand what happened. A story by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel highlights issues at Fox Point, while a press release from Sen. Feyen discusses issues pertaining to Oshkosh and Appleton.

Wolfe was asked repeatedly by media about in-person ballot numbers and Wolfe explained that all statistics are collected by the local election officials, not by the state. The local election officials are not able to start entering information pertaining to yesterday's election until 4 pm on Tuesday, April 13, at which point they will enter the information and forward it to their county election officials for tallying. While some local entities have been able to give information on their websites for their local polls, statewide information will not be available until 4 pm on Monday, April 13.

While many expect that at 4 pm, Monday, April 13 the numbers should be instantly available, Wolfe explained to reporters that the officials cannot start entering information into the system until 4 pm, so it will be like a "regular" election day where the numbers are entered and forwarded to the counties for tabulation, meaning results will not be instantaneous at 4 pm, but will be after that when the counties begin reporting results.

APRIL 7 SPRING ELECTION – BY THE NUMBERS - SO FAR

The April 7 Spring Election included:

- The Presidential Primary.
- One Wisconsin Supreme Court seat.
- Three Court of Appeals seats.
- 34 Circuit Court seats.
- 128 local referendum (57 School Referendum).
- One Constitutional Amendment proposal.

The Spring Election absentee voting included (as of April 8):

Please note that Absentee Ballots POSTMARKED by April 7 will continue to be accepted through 4 pm, April 13, 2020.

- 3,387,130 Active Registered Voters (as of April 1, 2020).
- 1,282,762 Requested Absentee Ballots.
- 1,275,117 Sent Absentee Ballots
- 1,003,422 Returned Absentee Ballots
- 38% of Registered Voters Requested an Absentee Ballot
- 78% of Absentee Ballots Requester were Returned

Comparing the available April 7 data with previous elections:

Spring Election	Absentee Issued Total	Total Ballots Cast	Turnout	Percent Absentee	Number of School Referendum
2016 <i>(Presidential)</i>	249,503	2,113,544	47.4%	11.8%	71
2017	103,533	708,711	15.9%	14.6%	65
2018	130,041	997,485	22.3%	13.0%	66
2019	170,121	1,224,303	27.2%	13.9%	59
2020-To Date <i>(Presidential)</i>	1,287,827	TBD	TBD	TBD	57

A deeper look at the registered voters and absentee ballots (according to statistics available from the WI Elections Commission):

County Name	Registered Voters	Absentee Application Count	Absentee Ballots Sent Count	Absentee Ballots Returned Count	Percentage of Registered Voters Who Requested Absentee Ballots	Percentage of Absentee Requested which were Returned as of April 8
ADAMS COUNTY	11,764	3,305	3,240	2,457	28.1%	74.3%
ASHLAND COUNTY	9,036	2,489	2,410	1,940	27.5%	77.9%
BARRON COUNTY	25,356	6,694	6,603	5,152	26.4%	77.0%
BAYFIELD COUNTY	11,056	3,841	3,670	3,161	34.7%	82.3%
BROWN COUNTY	147,971	53,443	52,318	41,695	36.1%	78.0%
BUFFALO COUNTY	7,812	2,201	2,139	1,480	28.2%	67.2%
BURNETT COUNTY	9,790	2,083	2,037	1,450	21.3%	69.6%
CALUMET COUNTY	30,034	11,278	11,232	7,497	37.6%	66.5%
CHIPPEWA COUNTY	35,647	12,046	11,946	8,903	33.8%	73.9%
CLARK COUNTY	15,201	2,788	2,601	1,432	18.3%	51.4%

COLUMBIA COUNTY	33,775	12,857	12,779	10,881	38.1%	84.6%
CRAWFORD COUNTY	8,596	2,333	2,162	1,522	27.1%	65.2%
DANE COUNTY	361,856	178,859	178,498	142,265	49.4%	79.5%
DODGE COUNTY	48,253	16,803	16,757	14,388	34.8%	85.6%
DOOR COUNTY	20,104	7,728	7,474	4,293	38.4%	55.6%
DOUGLAS COUNTY	25,067	6,885	6,841	5,184	27.5%	75.3%
DUNN COUNTY	24,417	6,973	6,944	4,951	28.6%	71.0%
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY	60,732	22,781	22,683	17,228	37.5%	75.6%
FLORENCE COUNTY	2,980	847	700	581	28.4%	68.6%
FOND DU LAC COUNTY	56,529	19,405	19,247	14,844	34.3%	76.5%
FOREST COUNTY	5,475	1,527	1,503	1,231	27.9%	80.6%
GRANT COUNTY	26,211	7,899	7,843	5,856	30.1%	74.1%
GREEN COUNTY	21,304	7,306	6,345	4,909	34.3%	67.2%
GREEN LAKE COUNTY	10,596	3,116	3,063	2,625	29.4%	84.2%
IOWA COUNTY	14,084	5,639	5,554	4,703	40.0%	83.4%
IRON COUNTY	4,121	1,884	1,878	1,651	45.7%	87.6%
JACKSON COUNTY	10,522	2,534	2,525	1,276	24.1%	50.4%
JEFFERSON COUNTY	48,341	18,410	18,225	14,124	38.1%	76.7%
JUNEAU COUNTY	13,235	2,695	2,563	1,567	20.4%	58.1%
KENOSHA COUNTY	87,892	30,063	29,777	23,588	34.2%	78.5%
KEWAUNEE COUNTY	12,084	4,002	3,970	2,890	33.1%	72.2%
LA CROSSE COUNTY	71,801	24,963	24,837	20,105	34.8%	80.5%
LAFAYETTE COUNTY	8,711	2,799	2,776	2,304	32.1%	82.3%
LANGLADE COUNTY	11,430	2,757	2,715	2,121	24.1%	76.9%
LINCOLN COUNTY	16,869	4,222	4,174	2,443	25.0%	57.9%
MANITOWOC COUNTY	44,873	15,271	15,143	13,310	34.0%	87.2%

MARATHON COUNTY	77,869	24,804	24,339	19,223	31.9%	77.5%
MARINETTE COUNTY	23,390	7,805	7,718	6,606	33.4%	84.6%
MARQUETTE COUNTY	8,875	2,340	2,296	1,456	26.4%	62.2%
MENOMINEE COUNTY	1,680	112	74	57	6.7%	50.9%
MILWAUKEE COUNTY	516,086	203,899	203,288	151,781	39.5%	74.4%
MONROE COUNTY	22,431	5,199	4,873	3,454	23.2%	66.4%
OCONTO COUNTY	22,855	6,266	6,022	4,890	27.4%	78.0%
ONEIDA COUNTY	24,306	8,108	8,050	5,979	33.4%	73.7%
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY	107,071	40,593	40,344	30,361	37.9%	74.8%
OZAUKEE COUNTY	61,090	29,353	29,060	23,691	48.0%	80.7%
PEPIN COUNTY	4,112	936	868	329	22.8%	35.1%
PIERCE COUNTY	23,766	6,215	6,157	4,058	26.2%	65.3%
POLK COUNTY	25,572	5,657	4,835	3,894	22.1%	68.8%
PORTAGE COUNTY	42,576	14,838	14,738	12,151	34.9%	81.9%
PRICE COUNTY	8,534	2,624	2,586	1,484	30.7%	56.6%
RACINE COUNTY	108,286	44,181	43,933	33,407	40.8%	75.6%
RICHLAND COUNTY	9,185	2,673	2,603	1,637	29.1%	61.2%
ROCK COUNTY	87,443	29,776	29,545	24,353	34.1%	81.8%
RUSK COUNTY	7,950	1,750	1,697	887	22.0%	50.7%
ST. CROIX COUNTY	53,926	14,862	14,784	10,443	27.6%	70.3%
SAUK COUNTY	36,383	14,761	14,660	11,374	40.6%	77.1%
SAWYER COUNTY	10,709	3,048	3,016	2,054	28.5%	67.4%
SHAWANO COUNTY	22,766	6,279	6,175	4,865	27.6%	77.5%
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY	65,916	25,779	25,684	22,070	39.1%	85.6%
TAYLOR COUNTY	10,557	2,597	2,567	2,009	24.6%	77.4%
TREMPEALEAU COUNTY	15,652	3,415	2,990	2,383	21.8%	69.8%
VERNON COUNTY	16,354	4,037	3,828	1,743	24.7%	43.2%

VILAS COUNTY	15,598	5,414	5,355	4,608	34.7%	85.1%
WALWORTH COUNTY	57,738	22,215	22,104	18,750	38.5%	84.4%
WASHBURN COUNTY	10,403	2,714	2,681	1,667	26.1%	61.4%
WASHINGTON COUNTY	86,452	39,979	39,814	34,779	46.2%	87.0%
WAUKESHA COUNTY	267,000	128,598	127,686	109,411	48.2%	85.1%
WAUPACA COUNTY	29,027	9,420	9,338	7,483	32.5%	79.4%
WAUSHARA COUNTY	13,433	3,606	3,412	2,600	26.8%	72.1%
WINNEBAGO COUNTY	96,624	38,841	38,538	29,159	40.2%	75.1%
WOOD COUNTY	41,990	14,407	14,287	12,319	34.3%	85.5%
TOTAL	3,387,130	1,287,827	1,275,117	1,003,422	38.0%	77.9%

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Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:09 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark; Soper, John
Subject: FW: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Here's the draft of an E-Update for today. Let me know what you think.

[View this email in your browser](#)



Friends,

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve I wanted to share a few helpful links and details. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if you have questions about other issues that are not addressed below. We can be reached by [email](#) or by phone at (608) 266-7513.

April 3 Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Earlier this week, [a federal judge ruled](#) that voters in Wisconsin have until 5:00 PM today to request an absentee ballot. Regardless of where you live in Wisconsin, you can request an absentee ballot [here](#).

Many communities in our area are still offering early in-person voting as well. You can contact your local clerk to learn more about those opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who has participated or plans to participate in this election as a voter or poll worker.

Helpful Links on COVID-19

I know we all have endless questions about COVID-19 and the related issues we are facing. To help answer some of the most frequent questions my office has received I wanted to provide you links to a series of resources.

- [Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [The Wisconsin Department of Health Services - COVID-19 Web Page](#)
- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Business Resources Page](#)
- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Essential Business Declaration Page](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control -Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Internal Revenue Service - Information on Economic Impact Payments](#)

Your local County Health Department is also a key resource if you believe you may have COVID-19. I applaud those working in the healthcare field that are not only working to treat those impacted by COVID-19, but to share timely information with the public.

Stay well,

Doug Strotzel



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Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:56 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: RE: Suggested Tweet

With updated graphics:

Interesting commentary from @GovEvers on the April Election.

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Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:33 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Soper, John; Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: Example of Image for E-Update and Social Media

Hi Duey,

I think a side-by-side comparison of the Evers' proposal vs. the GOP bill would be a helpful resource. I think something like the below image can do that at a 20,000 foot level and let people know the important stuff is in both bills and the crazy stuff is what didn't make the cut for the GOP bill.

GOVERNOR EVERS

VERSUS

LEGISLATURE

CONTRASTING THE TWO BILLS

DIFFERENCES

Bad Thing in the
Evers Bill

Fixed In the Senate
Bill

Suspends Voter ID
requirement for
elections during a
public health
emergency.

Leaves Voter ID in
place for elections.

GOOD POLICY IN BOTH BILLS

- Provides funding for hospitals to set-up temporary facilities for the COVID-19 surge.
- Provide funding for local governments to support their efforts to fight COVID-19.
- Create an essential workforce child care grant program.
- Expand telehealth coverage to allow more medical appointments to be done remotely.
- Remove barriers for retired medical professionals to return to work.
- Remove barriers for medical professionals in other states to begin work in Wisconsin.

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Soper, John; Radcliffe, Mark; Stroebel, Duey
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

There is a problem with that first question.

The last page of the model explains that the morbidity or death numbers are not as of those dates.

"Importantly, these projections describe the number of clinical cases (i.e. people who became symptomatic and presented in a clinical setting) by the set intervals (03/25, 04/01, and 04/08) projected to die from COVID-19, without further intervention. It does not represent the number of people projected to die from COVID-19 by the set intervals. "

The death numbers are anticipated deaths from the people that have it that date. So I believe they are doing a two step calculation. First, they are generating a total number of people with COVID-19 based on some model of exponential growth and then they are using a coefficient representing the death rate.

I would guess the rational for this is that it is easier to predict growth and there has been less certainty about how long it takes to kill people, although I believe the consensus now is that people are dying around 17 days after becoming symptomatic.

This explanation, whether it is fair or not, undercuts the line of questioning pretty effectively.

From: Soper, John
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas; Radcliffe, Mark; Stroebel, Duey
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Gentlemen,

Assuming part of the goal is to get concrete answers and pin down the DHS-Designee on the metrics where we can apply public pressure on her to loosen the restrictions, we probably need a deposition style line of questions. I suggest something like this if Kap willing to do it. For a line of questions like this to work, DHS can't have the exact wording/order of questions ahead of time.

1) At the press conference March 24th on Safer at Home, you indicated your modeling predicted between 440 and 1500 WI deaths by April 7th. In response to senate colleagues DHS produced the attached modeling information. Under that model it was predicted we would be at 100-350 deaths by April 1st. As of the 2pm update on April 1st we are at 24 deaths... only about 10% of the middle of the range of expected deaths. Is 440-1500 still your best estimate for April 8th?

2) If there is a new estimate, what is it? What modeling or fact changes were reviewed to get this new number?

3) Are you aware that the Imperial College model from England that was referenced early in the crisis has had death rates predictions decreased by a factors of 25 last week. <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/imperial-college-scientist-who-predicted-500k-coronavirus-deaths-in-uk-revises-to-20k-or-less>
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4) Is the advice DHS gives to Governor Evers about the measures to be taken based upon the risk analysis of the modeling?

- 5) How far short of your original and/or new death predictions will the actual death total need to be for DHS to recommend alterations to the Safer at Home order?
- 6) (If obfuscation from 4/5) If you do not have a falsifiable premise that can be tested as results come in, how is this policy science or metrics based?
- 7) Is it the opinion of DHS that the Governor has the authority to call another emergency on COVID-19 after the 60 day current emergency declaration ends? Is there a metric you will commit to now that would justify the action if you believe the authority exists.

John

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Cc: Soper, John
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Looks like they now have some of the age breakdown info that Duey wants.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm><https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm>

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 2:10 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Cc: Soper, John
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Hi guys,

I texted Kyle and it sounds like they have not received many questions from other offices for the Friday call with Palm and DHS. On a separate email thread Duey offered the below direction:

My biggest questions would center around what expert(s) they base their predictions upon and asking them to attempt to provide a more detailed analysis of the statistics - not just a cumulative total of who has gotten it. Maybe a daily trend line of confirmed cases vs tests, data on deaths i.e. how many people had underlying issues contributing to the death, age, etc., etc.

I think we can put together the positive test % by day with what MacIver has, so I can do that already, but I've tried to formulate the other issues into questions below and also added a few others. Let me know if you have thoughts and we can run these by Duey and then submit them to Kapenga.

Which models and experts are we relying upon to project Wisconsin's future scenarios?

Are there standards for how deaths are being counted in Wisconsin? For example, if you die of pneumonia and have tested positive for COVID-19 is that individual counted in death total DHS is reporting and is that process standard across Wisconsin?

Can data about those individuals in the death count be added to the DHS website. For example, Michigan includes a breakdown by age for both positive tests and death. For deaths, it would also be useful to have data about what underlying conditions they may have had.

Do we expect deaths and hospitalizations to peak at the same time in different parts of Wisconsin. Looking at the current distribution of cases by county it seems like Milwaukee County is growing much faster than Washburn County for example?

What metrics is the Evers administration using to evaluate when you should lift the restrictions on public gatherings and businesses?

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Duey Stroebel
Cc: Soper, John; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

FYI.

Just received this update from Kapenga's office. He was able to arrange a call with Sec.-designee Palm for Friday at 11:00 AM in response to the letter that was sent out yesterday. His office will be fielding questions and compiling a list of any specific points that the caucus members might want to have DHS and Andrea Palm address. Sounds like the best way to forward those items is to text Kapenga directly before Friday (262-613-5719).

I will get it placed on the calendar.

From: Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Sen.Bernier <Sen.Bernier@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Cowles <Sen.Cowles@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Darling <Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Feyen <Sen.Feyen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Kooyenga <Sen.Kooyenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.LeMahieu <Sen.LeMahieu@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Marklein <Sen.Marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Nass <Sen.Nass@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Olsen <Sen.Olsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Petrowski <Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Roth <Sen.Roth@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19
Importance: High

Dear Caucus members,

Secretary-Designee Palm responded to our letter and has agreed to speak with us on **Friday at 11AM**. If that time works in your schedule, please notify my office so we can give them an idea of who will be on. This will be a zoom meeting or you can dial in to the conference call. The call information is at the bottom of this email.

These are the four specific subjects we plan to focus on:

1. The length of the stay-at-home order
2. Flexibility of restrictions with regards to infection rates within each county
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Thanks and let me know if you have any questions.

Chris

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Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:10 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Cc: Soper, John
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Hi guys,

I texted Kyle and it sounds like they have not received many questions from other offices for the Friday call with Palm and DHS. On a separate email thread Duey offered the below direction:

My biggest questions would center around what expert(s) they base their predictions upon and asking them to attempt to provide a more detailed analysis of the statistics - not just a cumulative total of who has gotten it. Maybe a daily trend line of confirmed cases vs tests, data on deaths i.e. how many people had underlying issues contributing to the death, age, etc., etc.

I think we can put together the positive test % by day with what MacIver has, so I can do that already, but I've tried to formulate the other issues into questions below and also added a few others. Let me know if you have thoughts and we can run these by Duey and then submit them to Kapenga.

Which models and experts are we relying upon to project Wisconsin's future scenarios?

Are there standards for how deaths are being counted in Wisconsin? For example, if you die of pneumonia and have tested positive for COVID-19 is that individual counted in death total DHS is reporting and is that process standard across Wisconsin?

Can data about those individuals in the death count be added to the DHS website. For example, Michigan includes a breakdown by age for both positive tests and death. For deaths, it would also be useful to have data about what underlying conditions they may have had.

Do we expect deaths and hospitalizations to peak at the same time in different parts of Wisconsin. Looking at the current distribution of cases by county it seems like Milwaukee County is growing much faster than Washburn County for example?

What metrics is the Evers administration using to evaluate when you should lift the restrictions on public gatherings and businesses?

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Duey Stroebel
Cc: Soper, John; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

FYI.

Just received this update from Kapenga's office. He was able to arrange a call with Sec.-designee Palm for Friday at 11:00 AM in response to the letter that was sent out yesterday. His office will be fielding questions and compiling a list of any specific points that the caucus members might want to have DHS and Andrea Palm address. Sounds like the best way to forward those items is to text Kapenga directly before Friday (262-613-5719).

I will get it placed on the calendar.

From: Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Sen.Bernier <Sen.Bernier@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Cowles <Sen.Cowles@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Darling <Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Feyen <Sen.Feyen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Kooyenga <Sen.Kooyenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.LeMahieu <Sen.LeMahieu@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Marklein <Sen.Marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Nass <Sen.Nass@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Olsen <Sen.Olsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Petrowski <Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Roth <Sen.Roth@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19
Importance: High

Dear Caucus members,

Secretary-Designee Palm responded to our letter and has agreed to speak with us on **Friday at 11AM**. If that time works in your schedule, please notify my office so we can give them an idea of who will be on. This will be a zoom meeting or you can dial in to the conference call. The call information is at the bottom of this email.

These are the four specific subjects we plan to focus on:

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From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: JS article tweets

From today's @journalssentinel, an enlightening comment from an expert: "We should take these estimates seriously, but with the grain of salt that there is so much uncertainty surrounding the whole situation" 1/2

These projections have moved up the peak of COVID-19 in Wisconsin from late May to late April and are constantly changing. Just since the article was posted the projected peak daily deaths seems to have been revised from 37 to 25. 2/2

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:08 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: Allen Edmond Social Media
Attachments: Stroebel Retweet.PNG

Hi Duey,

Mark shared the email about Allen Edmonds. Below is some suggested text, on Twitter I would retweet one of their earlier posts that shows someone working and include the below text from you in the retweet:

The work of Wisconsin businesses including @AllenEdmonds to create masks and other needed supplies is awesome and inspiring. Thanks to all who have pivoted to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

It would look like the attached file on twitter.

Let me know what you think.

Luke

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 7:33 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: RE: Social Media Posts on the election op-ed and your radio with Vicki

Thanks.

From: Stroebel, Duey
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 6:57 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Re: Social Media Posts on the election op-ed and your radio with Vicki

Good.
Duey

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 30, 2020, at 3:31 PM, Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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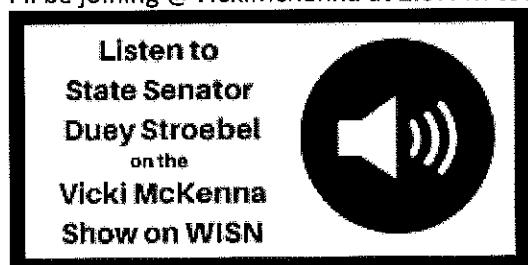
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Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 9:21 AM
To: Soper, John; Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: Op-Ed Talking Points for Radio
Attachments: April Election Op-Ed Talking Points.docx

Hi guys,

Attached are my suggested talking points for Duey on the April Election Op-Ed in the hopes that I can get him on Vicki or Dan O'Donnell's show in the next day or two.

Let me know what you think.

Luke

Talking Points on April Election Op-Ed

Basic Information:

- Election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7.
- This is a state-wide election that includes:
 - State Supreme Court race
 - Democratic Primary for President
 - Hundreds if not thousands of local elections for school board, mayors, county executives, etc.
- The primary for this election was held on Tuesday, February 18.

Why should we continue with this election on April 7?

- Elections are too important to move.
 - Elections give our citizens a chance to directly weigh in on the direction of our country, state, and local communities.
 - For many folks that aren't active in politics this is their best chance to make their voices heard.
- We've held elections during difficult times in the past:
 - We elected a Governor in November 1918 during the Spanish Flu Outbreak.
 - We held elections throughout the Civil War and both World Wars.
 - There is no guarantee that delaying the election a few weeks will dramatically change the challenges presented by COVID-19
- We need to elect local leaders.
 - While the Democratic Presidential Primary and Supreme Court Election could be delayed, local races are needed to fill openings.
 - Mayors, city council members and county board supervisors across this state have terms that expire on the third Tuesday in April.
 - Given our election procedures, we need time to canvass votes, so these elections cannot be delayed and still fill these openings.
- Practically, it would take a change in state law to move the election and that is not going to happen.
 - We would have to pass a new bill through both houses of the legislature and have the Governor sign it.
 - Accomplishing this over the next week is impractical and unethical.
 - Hundreds of thousands of absentee ballots have been requested and cast at this point, this election is already underway.
- If you are concerned about voting on Election Day there are alternatives.
 - Unfortunately, these opportunities vary widely based on the community you live in.
 - Some communities in our area have really stepped up and are making voting early very easy.
 - I should single out the Village of Richfield for their drive through voting set-up that is helping hundreds of folks vote this week.

- This is a simple and safe way for folks to vote early and in-person, I commend them for their planning and execution of this idea.
- Other communities like the City of West Bend are working hard to get absentee ballots out in the mail to folks while offering significant opportunities for in-person absentee voting.
- If you want to vote early in-person you should contact your local clerk and make a plan to vote in-person this week.

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Soper, John
Cc: Fuller, Lucas; Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: RE: 1st Draft Election Op-Ed
Attachments: April Election Joint Op-Ed - Radcliffe-Fuller edits.docx

We made edits via track changes in the attached document.

From: Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:04 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey <Duey.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: 1st Draft Election Op-Ed

Everyone take a look. Once we're happy with a product I will send it to the Wirch office for any changes they want.

John

Wisconsin is dealing with the huge, unexpected disruption of the COVID-19 virus and the measures we are taking to combat it. We applaud everyone involved in keeping Wisconsinites healthy, keeping essential businesses running and keeping our stores stocked with critical goods. There is another essential event coming up soon that must not be cancelled or moved—: the April 7th election.

We represent different parts of Wisconsin in the State Senate and hold ~~strongly~~ ~~different~~ ~~competing/contrasting/opposing~~ views on a variety of issues, yet we both agree that functioning democracies do not move regularly scheduled elections in ad hoc fashion. This is especially the case when changes to election law would affect an imminent or currently occurring election. We are a country of rules. Every person, including children, instinctively know fair games don't have rules changed in the middle of the competition. The perception, rightly or wrongly, that any such changes are motivated by perceived partisan advantage is another reason to be very wary.

Wisconsin held a statewide election for Governor in November 1918, near the peak of the Spanish Flu pandemic that killed tens of millions worldwide. We held elections during the Civil War and both World Wars. We do this because elections are peaceful transfers of power and the ~~single biggest way the average person impacts government~~ greatest opportunity to impact government for the average citizen. Regular elections are a symbol of both the strength of our civil institutions and ability to come together under the most trying of circumstances.

The COVID-19 situation does mean we need to be smart and take extra precautions. We encourage anyone who is concerned to vote absentee or early. We also encourage local election officials to maximize the opportunity for absentee voting, both in-person and by mail, for their communities across the state. Wisconsin has an elections system that is strong and tested. Though this election will be more challenging than most, we can persevere.

As the chair and ranking member of the Government Operations Committee we frequently see how important it is for people to roll up their sleeves and perform the vital functions of government in a bipartisan way. A majority of the votes of our committee this Session were unanimous because there are times we need to stand together to make government work. The timely selection of leaders is as essential to our state as any endeavor. Polling locations were recognized as such in the recent emergency order. Let's not waste time arguing or complaining that this election will be more difficult than usual. Wisconsinites should pull together to hold our annual spring election at its normal time. In doing so, we honor those who sacrificed more than most of us every will to give us the right to hold these elections.

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:09 AM
To: Soper, John
Subject: RE: Preemptive DRAFT

Proposed Edits now that we have the text:

We cannot shutdown life forever. While Governor Evers's new shelter-in-place order does not have an end date of April 24, we should have ~~or~~ transparent, objective metrics to predict when restrictions would ~~would~~ should loosen or end. ~~An endless shutdown will be ruinous to Wisconsin small businesses, our economy and our quality of life. Both President Trump and New York Governor Cuomo have spoken publicly about having a plan to return to work, Governor Evers should articulate this plan to give. We should be doing the same to give Wisconsinites some predictability and a light at the end of the tunnel.~~

As we continue to navigate the challenges presented by COVID-19 to both public health and our state at large, I would encourage Governor Evers to begin sharing meaningful metrics like the number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized as many members of the public and press have asked. We are all in this together and would benefit from transparent and meaningful information.

From: Soper, John
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:41 AM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: RE: Preemptive DRAFT

Let's try that with the typos gone in the last sentence...

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From: Soper, John
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:38 AM
To: Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Thoughts on angle like this... obviously subject to revision if the order looks different than expected:

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From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark; Soper, John
Subject: RE: Final Check - Press Release

I added a comma in the second paragraph (highlighted in yellow also), but otherwise nothing else to add.

From: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Final Check - Press Release

Here are my on-the-fly edits, highlighted in yellow. Most of them are suggestions. I didn't find anything problematic from a grammatical or structural standpoint.

In response to Governor Evers' press conference this afternoon, Senator Stroebel issued the following statement:

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I am concerned about the pending shelter-in-place order Governor Evers will issue pursuant to his emergency declaration and its effects on Wisconsin. Over the past week, I have witnessed Wisconsinites responsibly limit their personal activities, comply with precautionary measures, and alter business practices to provide maximum prevention while allowing some semblance of our society as we know it to continue. These actions have given me greater trust in Wisconsinites to responsibly make decisions. The bottom line is, how will the Governor's new edicts ultimately impact the spread of COVID-19?

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From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: FW: Early Voting Information

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Early Voting Options

As we all minimize our contact with other people in the coming weeks, I encourage my constituents to take advantage of early voting opportunities in your community. If you are already registered to vote, regardless of where you live, you have the option to request an absentee ballot online prior to April 2.

Many communities also have in-person absentee voting hours, but those vary widely among different communities and are subject to change. I've included a list of municipalities that are currently open for early voting below, but I encourage you to call ahead to ensure there have not been any schedule changes in the last few days. Early voting ends on Friday, April 3 unless otherwise noted.

Communities already open for early voting:

- **Village of Cascade:** At the Village Hall (301 First Street, Cascade, WI 53011) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11AM-2PM until Thursday, April 2.

- **Town of Cedarburg:** At the Town Hall (1293 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg, WI 53012) from 8AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.
- **Town of Fredonia:** At the Town Hall (242 Fredonia Ave., Fredonia WI 53021) from 3PM-5PM Monday-Friday.
- **Village of Newburg:** At Village Hall (620 West Main Street, Newburg, WI 53060) from 9:30AM-4:30PM on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays until Thursday, April 2.
- **Village of New Holstein:** At Village Hall (2110 Washington Street, New Holstein, WI 53061) from 8AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.
- **Town of Port Washington:** At the Town Hall (3715 Highland Drive, Port Washington, WI 53074) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9AM-4PM until Wednesday, April 1.
- **City of West Bend:** At City Hall (1115 South Main Street, West Bend, WI 53095) 8AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.

Communities with early voting starting Monday, March 23:

- **Village of Belgium:** At the Village Hall (104 Peter Thein Avenue, Belgium, WI 53004) from 8AM-5PM Monday-Friday.
- **City of Cedarburg:** At the City Hall (W63 N645 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg, WI 53012) at the below times and dates:
 - Monday, 03/23: 8AM-Noon
 - Tuesday, 03/24: 8AM-Noon
 - Thursday, 03/26: Noon-4PM
 - Tuesday, 03/31: 8AM-Noon
 - Thursday, 04/02: 3PM-5PM
 - Friday, 04/03: 3PM-5PM
- **Village of Fredonia:** At the Village Hall (242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI 53021) from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.
- **Town of Grafton:** At the Town Hall (1230 11th Avenue Grafton, WI 53024) from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday-Thursday and 8:30AM-Noon on Fridays.
- **Village of Hartford:** At the Village Hall (109 North Main Street, Hartford, WI 53027) Monday-Friday from 7:30AM-4:15PM.

- **Village of Jackson:** At Village Hall (N168W20733 Main Street, Jackson, WI 53037) Monday-Friday from 8AM-4:30PM.
- **City of Port Washington:** At the City Hall (100 W Grand Ave, Port Washington, WI 53074) from 8AM-5PM Monday-Friday.
- **Village of Richfield:** Drive through absentee at Village Hall (4128 Hubertus Road, Hubertus, WI 53033) from 8AM-4PM Monday-Friday with extended hours to 6PM on March 26 and 5PM on April 3.
- **Village of Saukville:** At the Village Hall (639 East Green Bay Avenue, Saukville, WI 53080) from 8AM-5PM Monday through Friday.
- **Village of Slinger:** At Village Hall (300 Slinger Road, Slinger, WI 53086) from 8AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.
- **Town of Wayne:** At Town Hall (6030 Mohawk Road, Campbellsport, WI 53010) on Monday, March 23 and Monday March 30 from 4PM-7PM or by appointment, 262-689-4238.

For other municipalities voters should contact their clerks for details about in-person absentee mailing or voting by mail.

State Resources for COVID-19

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, all levels of government are working to adjust to changes in business practices and state regulations. One example of this process is Governor Evers waiving the work search requirement for individuals applying for unemployment. This change was not reflected in the online application process yesterday, but my office has spoken with officials and the Department of Workforce Development and they are aware of the issue and working to correct it as quickly as possible.

As the demand for different state resources and programs grows, it is possible that response times may increase. I ask that you be patient and reach out to my office so we can monitor these issues and work with other parts of state government to deliver these services in as

timely of a manner as possible.

As I mentioned in earlier messages, my office remains open and available to assist you with state related matters. Please do not hesitate to contact my office by email or phone, (608) 266-7513, if we can be of assistance.

Stay well,

Duey Stroebel



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Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark; Soper, John
Subject: Proposed E-Update Text
Attachments: 03.20.20 E-Update Text.docx

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Early Voting

As we all minimize our contact with other people in the coming weeks I encourage my constituents to take advantage of early voting opportunities in your community. Regardless of where you live you have the option to [request an absentee ballot online](#).

Many communities also have in person absentee voting hours, but those vary widely among different communities and are subject to change. I've included a list of municipalities that are currently open for early voting below, but I encourage you to call ahead to ensure there have not been any schedule changes in the last few days. Early voting ends on Friday, April 3 unless otherwise noted.

Communities that are already open for early voting:

- Village of Cascade: At the Village Hall (301 First Street, Cascade, WI 53011) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11AM-2PM until Thursday, April 2.
- Town of Cedarburg: At the Town Hall (1293 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg, WI 53012) from 8AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.
- Town of Fredonia: At the Town Hall (242 Fredonia Ave., Fredonia WI 53021) from 3PM-5PM Monday-Friday.
- Village of Newburg: At Village Hall (620 West Main Street, Newburg, WI 53060) from 9:30AM-4:30PM on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays until Thursday, April 2.
- Village of New Holstein: At Village Hall (2110 Washington Street, New Holstein, WI 53061) from 8AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.
- Town of Port Washington: At the Town Hall (3715 Highland Drive, Port Washington, WI 53074) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9AM-4PM until Wednesday, April 1.
- City of West Bend: At City Hall (1115 South Main Street, West Bend, WI 53095) 8AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.

Communities that have early voting starting Monday, March 23

- Village of Belgium: At the Village Hall (104 Peter Thein Avenue, Belgium, WI 53004) from 8AM-5PM Monday-Friday.
- City of Cedarburg: At the City Hall (W63 N645 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg, WI 53012) at the below times and dates:
 - Monday, 03/23: 8AM-Noon
 - Tuesday, 03/24: 8AM-Noon
 - Thursday, 03/26: Noon-4PM
 - Tuesday, 03/31: 8AM-Noon
 - Thursday, 04/02: 3PM-5PM
 - Friday, 04/03: 3PM-5PM
- Village of Fredonia: At the Village Hall (242 Fredonia Avenue, Fredonia, WI 53021) from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.
- Town of Grafton: At the Town Hall (1230 11th Avenue Grafton, WI 53024) from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday-Thursday and 8:30AM-Noon on Fridays.

- Village of Hartford: At the Village Hall (109 North Main Street, Hartford, WI 53027) Monday-Friday from 7:30AM-4:15PM.
- Village of Jackson: At Village Hall (N168W20733 Main Street, Jackson, WI 53037) Monday-Friday from 8AM-4:30PM.
- City of Port Washington: At the City Hall (100 W Grand Ave, Port Washington, WI 53074) from 8AM-5PM Monday-Friday.
- Village of Richfield: Drive through absentee at Village Hall (4128 Hubertus Road, Hubertus, WI 53033) from 8AM-4PM Monday-Friday with extended hours to 6PM on March 26 and 5PM on April 3.
- Village of Saukville: At the Village Hall (639 East Green Bay Avenue, Saukville, WI 53080) from 8AM-5PM Monday through Friday.
- Village of Slinger: At Village Hall (300 Slinger Road, Slinger, WI 53086) from 8AM-4:30PM Monday-Friday.
- Town of Wayne: At Town Hall (6030 Mohawk Road, Campbellsport, WI 53010) on Monday, March 23 and Monday March 30 from 4PM-7PM or by appointment, 262-689-4238.

For other municipalities voters should contact their clerks for details about in-person absentee mailing or voting by mail.

State Resources

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve all levels of government are working to adjust to changes in business practices and state regulations. One example of this process is Governor Evers waiving the work search requirement for individuals [applying for unemployment](#). This change was not reflected in the online application process yesterday, but my office has spoken with officials and the Department of Workforce Development and they are aware of the issue and working to correct it as quickly as possible.

As the demand for different state resources and programs grows it is possible that response times may increase. I ask that you be patient and reach out to my office so we can monitor these issues and work with other parts of state government to deliver these services in as timely of a manner as possible.

As I mentioned in earlier messages, my office remains open and available to assist you with state related matters. Please do not hesitate to contact my office by [email](#) or phone, (608) 266-7513, if we can be of assistance.

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 10:05 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark; Soper, John
Subject: COVID-19 Data
Attachments: WHA Dashboard Summary.docx

Duey,

Attached is a rundown of the new WHA site and some of the data that is out there.

Let us know if there is something that is missing or needs to be supplemented.

Luke

Brief Overview of WHA Dashboard

On April 9, 2020, the Wisconsin Hospital Association introduced a new digital dashboard with COVID-19 information. This dashboard is superior to the existing DHS dashboard in many ways:

- Filter by region
- Includes capacity and utilization numbers for ICUs and other hospital beds
- Easily displays changes in the last 24 hours for deaths, total cases and hospitalization numbers
- Includes 20,000 foot view of PPE supplies and how many hospitals will run out of what supplies in the next week if they don't receive additional supplies.

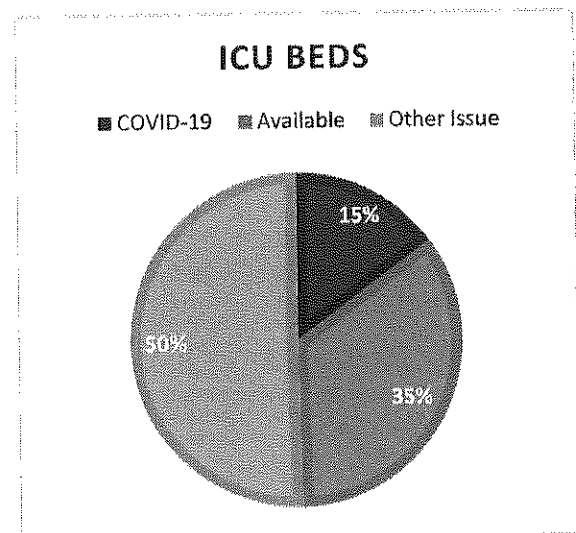
Examining the Data

Hospital Capacity

It appears the total beds listed on WHA's dashboard do not comport with the totals Andrea Palm provided during the March 30 media briefing. The total number of staffed hospital beds check out, but Palm indicated the state had roughly 2,400 ICU beds. Where there is a discrepancy, we will be using the WHA data, assuming it is more accurate.

General Capacity and COVID-19 Usage Overview

- Total staffed hospital beds statewide: 10,989
- Total ICU beds statewide: 1,311
- Normal occupancy rate (per Andrea Palm): 58%
- WHA has indicated that most if not all members are canceling other services to increase capacity for a potential surge in COVID-19 related hospitalizations
- Ventilators: 1,233
- Total COVID-19 hospitalizations (per DHS): 843
- Current COVID-19 hospitalizations: 446 (Usage as % of occupancy = 4.0%)
- **Current COVID-19 ICU patients: 196 (Usage as % of occupancy = 14.9%)**
- **Total ICU Beds Occupied: 856 (65.3%)**
- **Total ICU Beds Available 455 (34.7%)**
- Current ventilated patients: 330 (Usage as % of occupancy = 26.7%)
- Total Beds Occupied: 7,049
- Total Beds Available: 3,940
- Total Occupancy Rate: 64.1%



- Total COVID-19 deaths (per DHS): 111

Projected IMHE Model Peak Resource Usage: April 13, 2020 (4 days)

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation IHME Model projects the peak demand for resources to be April 13, 2020 in Wisconsin. This is the model funded by Bill Gates and affiliated with the University of Washington. At different Whitehouse Press Briefings this model has been referred to as the Chris Murray Model. These projections were last updated on April 7 when we pulled the data on April 9.

Below is a side by side comparison of those projected needs for April 13 (peak) and April 9 vs. the totals reported on April 9.

Metric	Projected April 13	Projected April 9	April 9 Actual
Hospital Beds	926	801	446
ICU Beds	184	146	196
Total Deaths	193	123	111

This model has been revised several times to gradually flatten the curve (reducing both peak and overall deaths) and to move the peak up in time. Proponents of shelter-in-place and social distancing policies will indicate that these policies led to these changes while critics will argue the initial projections were unlikely doomsday scenarios.

This argument from proponents of these policies benefits from the duration of time between the likely peak in Wisconsin (sometime this week perhaps) and the implementation of these policies (March 25). The argument is less ridiculous on its face than in Ohio in the Fox News article you shared where Ohio officials are essentially arguing their policies were so effective they combated COVID-19 before being put in place.

Given these differences in policy to peak cases between Wisconsin and Ohio there is certainly a case to be made that the initial projections were likely too high. Teasing out the details here though will be difficult, especially without knowing if Wisconsin has peaked or not.

COVID-19 has hit Southeast Wisconsin harder than the rest of the state

- Southeast Wisconsin has an incident per 1,000 ranging from .27 (Walworth and Sheboygan) to 1.56 (Milwaukee)
 - Walworth .27
 - Sheboygan .27
 - Racine .43
 - Waukesha .46
 - Washington .47
 - Fond du Lac .48
 - Kenosha .80
 - Ozaukee .80

- Milwaukee 1.56
- Northeast Wisconsin ranges from .04 (Manitowoc) to .46 in Florence County
- South Central ranges from .08 (Grant) to .58 (Dane)
- Fox Valley ranges from .06 (Waupaca) to .22 (Menominee)
- North Central ranges from no positives (Lincoln, Taylor, Langlade) to .2 (Clark)
- Northwest ranges from no positives (Polk, Burnett, Washburn) to .27 (Chippewa)
- Western ranges from no positives (Vernon, Richland) to .34 (Jackson)

This concentration in southeast Wisconsin matches the distribution in many other states (New York, Michigan, etc) where the hotspots are in urban areas that have large airports. The intuitive explanations offered in the media for this have generally focused on travelers returning to these areas from international hotspots and that community transmission has been aided by the density of these communities and the things that come with that, public transit, etc.

Deaths per 100,000 residents

At this point Wisconsin has about 2 deaths per 100,000 residents (111/5.85 million). New York has the highest death per 100,000 residents at 32. You can see the full list of states [here](#). I've broken out our Midwest neighbors below:

- Michigan 10
- Illinois 4
- Indiana 3
- Ohio 2
- Wisconsin 2
- Minnesota 1
- Iowa 1

Back of the Envelope Math

Given all this information, we can try and replicate the projected death totals in the IHME model.

The most straight forward way to calculate total deaths would be to multiply total cases by death rate. This simple calculation is complicated by the difficulty of determining both factors. Total cases is complicated by our lack of testing which creates uncounted cases that already exist and the challenges of modeling future cases. Reported death rates vary enormously by country. According to the [Center of Evidence Based Medicine](#) death rates range from 13.04% (Algeria) to .08% (New Zealand). The United States death rate is 3.4% currently. Assuming a 3.4% death rate in Wisconsin, we would need about 12,470 cases to reach the IHME projected 424 deaths. This would require the positive cases in Wisconsin to quadruple.

I've done some basic what if calculations in the table below to contextualize the numbers in terms of total deaths in Wisconsin.

A few disclaimers. The biggest variable in death rate seems to be exceeding capacity, a scenario that currently seems unlikely in Wisconsin. I've chosen the total positives by just linearly scaling up the positives from the April 9 total of 2,885. COVID-19 has had exponential growth at different times in different places, but I'm not convinced there is a proper model out there to gauge where we are in the growth process. As a result, I've simply chosen a wide variety of different values to adequately cover a wide range of possible results. The IHME model projects 424 total deaths by August 2020. I've shaded outcomes that exceed that total in grey in the table to give some context to the table.

	April 9 Positives	1.5x	2x	3x	5x	10x
Death Rate	2885	4328	5770	8655	14425	28850
1.0%	29	43	58	87	144	289
2.0%	58	87	115	173	289	577
3.0%	87	130	173	260	433	866
4.0%	115	173	231	346	577	1154
5.0%	144	216	289	433	721	1443
6.0%	173	260	346	519	866	1731
7.0%	202	303	404	606	1010	2020
8.0%	231	346	462	692	1154	2308
9.0%	260	389	519	779	1298	2597
10.0%	289	433	577	866	1443	2885
11.0%	317	476	635	952	1587	3174
12.0%	346	519	692	1039	1731	3462

One final note, the Spanish Flu had multiple peaks across a multi-month period in the United States, but the IHME model specifically says these are deaths by August 4, 2020 so they are not considering deaths from a second peak next fall, etc.

Other Resources

Day-to-day Wisconsin figures (March 15, 2020 to Present):

<https://covidtracking.com/data/state/wisconsin>

WHA Dashboard

<https://www.who.org/COVID19Update>

DHS Dashboard

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm>

IHME Projections for Wisconsin

<https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/wisconsin>

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: Madison Polling Locations Map

<https://cityofmadison.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b8e42f700bd1419daaa06667ee421dbc>

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: Constituent - Upset about election going forward today

First Emmanuel member – very upset with Duey. Her husband is hospitalized and she has been too busy to request absentee ballots. Very upset that the election is moving forward. This is the one that we should remember to remind Duey about when church services start up again too, because she promised to confront him about it at church.

Marvel Ruppel
262-305-1330
N33W7120 Buchanan St
Cedarburg WI 53012-2213

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: FW: Constituent Issue - PPE at Taycheedah Correctional Institution

This one came from Beverly Klahn. She is also upset that farmers are dumping milk.

Beverly Klahn
W8864 County Road T
Glenbeulah, WI 53023-1727
(920) 526-3368

I'll take care of this one and log it into Forward when I hear back from DOC.

Luke

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 8:21 AM
To: De Haan, Paulina C - DOC <Paulina.dehaan@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Constituent Issue - PPE at Taycheedah Correctional Institution

Hi Paulina,

I hope you are doing well and staying healthy. We had a voicemail from a constituent last night that was concerned because she had been told by a friend that works at Taycheedah Correctional Institution that there is a shortage of PPE for staff.

She was upset about this, but seemed more upset that the management at the facility had told employees that they could not use any PPE that they had at home in the workplace.

I'm hoping you can provide our office with a general sense of what the need and availability of PPE are system-wide for DOC as well as at Taycheedah. Additionally, we would be interested in learning more about any policies regarding DOC staff using gloves or masks that they personally had access to and if there is a DOC wide policy for this or if individual institutions are making those decisions.

Thanks.

Luke

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Thanks.

Luke

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:17 PM
To: John Wirth
Cc: Marecek, Cindy
Subject: Stroebel Mailing

Hi John,

I hope you are doing well and staying healthy.

I think the last time we connected you thought you might have the mailing printed by this point and would be working on breaking it out for delivery. I just wanted to check on the status so I can update Duey.

Thanks.

Luke

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Soper, John; Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: Election Workers

The requirements for election officials can be found in 7.30(2)(a). Essentially, Duey is a qualified voter, so he can be an election official at any municipality in the county he resides in.

He will have to undergo some training before tomorrow per 7.315.

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:38 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: Re: Comment for News Article?

I talked to duey about this and we are going to ignore it. I'm guessing she won't call the office to follow-up, but wanted to keep you in the loop in case she did.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 6, 2020, at 9:23 AM, Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

FYI. This is a media inquiry that came in over the weekend from BuzzFeed News.

The motive of the reporter seems quite clear based on the leading questions she posed.

From: Rebecca Crofton <croftonrebecca@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Comment for News Article?

Mr. Stroebe,

I'm a reporter writing a story on rent increases during the COVID-19 pandemic: Can you confirm the following for me?

- 1.) Do you own commercial buildings in Cedarburg, WI?
- 2.) If so, do you have a comment on your decision to increase rent for these buildings?
- 3.) What is your position on supporting small businesses during this pandemic?

This story may run early next week in BuzzFeed.

Thank you,
Becky

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: RE: Comment for News Article?

Thanks!

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: FW: Comment for News Article?

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This story may run early next week in BuzzFeed.

Thank you,
Becky

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:38 AM
To: dstroebel@terrace-realty.com
Subject: FW: Comment for News Article?

Here's the request I referenced. Seems to be a pretty transparent set-up for a hit piece.

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: FW: Comment for News Article?

FYI. This is a media inquiry that came in over the weekend from BuzzFeed News.

The motive of the reporter seems quite clear based on the leading questions she posed.

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Thank you,
Becky

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark; Soper, John
Subject: Fwd: UW-Milwaukee at Washington County SGA
Attachments: 4320_SGA_Stroebeletter.pdf; ATT00001.htm

I missed this earlier in the day in my inbox.

Mark, not sure if you have a stock response on this or if we should just share the op-Ed.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Nathaniel Jacob Skutley <nskutley@uwm.edu>
Date: April 3, 2020 at 1:37:28 PM CDT
To: "Fuller, Lucas" <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: UW-Milwaukee at Washington County SGA

Hello Mr. Fuller,

My name is Nathaniel Skutley and I am the current student body president at UW-Milwaukee at Washington County.

Apologies for the lateness, but here is a letter on the behalf of the Student Government Association (SGA) in regards to the corona virus.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

Nathaniel Skutley
SGA President
UWM-WC

Room 18 South
State Capitol
PO Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707

Senator Stroebel;

On behalf of the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee at Washington County Student Government Association, we call for the delay of the April 7th state wide elections.

Within Washington County, our students are currently self isolating and taking online courses the rest of the semester. While we fully encourage all Washington County residents to vote in every election, we fear these elections may hinder the efforts made against the coronavirus pandemic.

While members of our student government have encouraged our fellow students to order absentee ballots, we fear too many voters will be voting in person and risk exposure to this highly infectious virus.

We hope our appeal is taken into account when considering legislation and actions for Washington County and our great state of Wisconsin.

Thank you for your time,

UW-Milwaukee at Washington County SGA

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Cc: Soper, John
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Looks like they now have some of the age breakdown info that Duey wants.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm><https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm>

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 2:10 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Cc: Soper, John
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Hi guys,

I texted Kyle and it sounds like they have not received many questions from other offices for the Friday call with Palm and DHS. On a separate email thread Duey offered the below direction:

My biggest questions would center around what expert(s) they base their predictions upon and asking them to attempt to provide a more detailed analysis of the statistics - not just a cumulative total of who has gotten it. Maybe a daily trend line of confirmed cases vs tests, data on deaths i.e. how many people had underlying issues contributing to the death, age, etc., etc.

I think we can put together the positive test % by day with what MacIver has, so I can do that already, but I've tried to formulate the other issues into questions below and also added a few others. Let me know if you have thoughts and we can run these by Duey and then submit them to Kapenga.

Which models and experts are we relying upon to project Wisconsin's future scenarios?

Are there standards for how deaths are being counted in Wisconsin? For example, if you die of pneumonia and have tested positive for COVID-19 is that individual counted in death total DHS is reporting and is that process standard across Wisconsin?

Can data about those individuals in the death count be added to the DHS website. For example, Michigan includes a breakdown by age for both positive tests and death. For deaths, it would also be useful to have data about what underlying conditions they may have had.

Do we expect deaths and hospitalizations to peak at the same time in different parts of Wisconsin. Looking at the current distribution of cases by county it seems like Milwaukee County is growing much faster than Washburn County for example?

What metrics is the Evers administration using to evaluate when you should lift the restrictions on public gatherings and businesses?

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Duey Stroebel
Cc: Soper, John; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

FYI.

Just received this update from Kapenga's office. He was able to arrange a call with Sec.-designee Palm for Friday at 11:00 AM in response to the letter that was sent out yesterday. His office will be fielding questions and compiling a list of any specific points that the caucus members might want to have DHS and Andrea Palm address. Sounds like the best way to forward those items is to text Kapenga directly before Friday (262-613-5719).

I will get it placed on the calendar.

From: Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Sen.Bernier <Sen.Bernier@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Cowles <Sen.Cowles@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Darling <Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Feyen <Sen.Feyen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Kooyenga <Sen.Kooyenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.LeMahieu <Sen.LeMahieu@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Marklein <Sen.Marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Nass <Sen.Nass@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Olsen <Sen.Olsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Petrowski <Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Roth <Sen.Roth@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19
Importance: High

Dear Caucus members,

Secretary-Designee Palm responded to our letter and has agreed to speak with us on **Friday at 11AM**. If that time works in your schedule, please notify my office so we can give them an idea of who will be on. This will be a zoom meeting or you can dial in to the conference call. The call information is at the bottom of this email.

These are the four specific subjects we plan to focus on:

1. The length of the stay-at-home order
2. Flexibility of restrictions with regards to infection rates within each county
3. Testing availability and turnaround time
4. Proposed ventilator purchase

If you have specific questions or points around these items please let me know prior to the call so I can ensure she knows what we are looking for beforehand. That will allow her to best prepare for the call. Due to the time limitations and the number of people who will likely be on, if you have something you would like to ask during the call please text me on my cell (262) 613-5719. That way I can keep a que similar to how we do it in committee or caucus. This is simply to ensure we maximize the productivity of the call and get as much information as possible.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions.

Chris

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dhs.wi.zoom.us/j/764596799>

Meeting ID: 764 596 799

If dialing in instead of using computer audio, please dial **1-312-626-6799** and enter code **764 596 799**

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Duey Stroebel; Soper, John
Subject: RE: Our discussion

Hi Duey,

Just reading this email again. Are there specific questions that you still have that we should be sending to Kapenga's office to ask DHS on Friday.

Or are there specific questions I could ask the Hospital Association or someone at Froedtert. I don't have a lot of experience with Maureen, but I'm sure Kyle O'Brien at the Hospital Association would be happy to try and answer any of our questions or provide data if they have it.

Thanks,

Luke

From: Duey Stroebel [DStroebel@terrace-realty.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 10:16 AM
To: Fuller, Lucas; Maureen.McNally@froedtert.com; Soper, John
Subject: Our discussion

Hello Maureen,
I appreciate the time you spent with me on the phone yesterday. Frankly, I came away with more questions than answers. I know you said things were "complicated", but to me it all seemed rather evasive. With 5 open beds out of 70, or almost 93%, that statistic appears to be an outlier from the Wisconsin Hospital Association recent statement of usual capacity of 58%, even before the "surge".

Lastly, I would assume some one in your position would have had some knowledge of the content of Dr. Raymond's webinar yesterday afternoon. It is my understanding he publicly stated it appeared as though the "curve may be bending...". There was certainly no alluding to that thought in our discussion.

When things calm down, please let Dr Raymond that I would like to have an opportunity to sit down with him sometime.

Thanks,
Senator Duey Stroebel

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Soper, John
Subject: Underlying Washington Projections from the JS article

<https://covid19.healthdata.org/projections><https://covid19.healthdata.org/projections>

You can select Wisconsin in the drop down and see the projected demand for hospital beds, ICU beds and ventilators.

You can also click on buttons to see these different resources and the projected demand one at a time.

On the ICU bed projection (green) their current model has us exceeding demand (178 beds needed vs. 172 beds available) on April 5th for the first time before ICU bed demand peaks at 377 ICU beds on April 24th and April 25th.

They project deaths (red below the other graphs) to peak on April 27th at 25 deaths.

Not sure if any of this is helpful, but I took a look at it as a reread the article to make sure the characterizations in the article made sense.

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:56 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark; Soper, John
Subject: Duey Talking Points for Vicki's Show
Attachments: April Election Op-Ed Talking Points.docx

Duey,

I updated the talking points to include the call in info, a brief run-down of what is in the Evers bill proposal on COVID-19 and some basic information about COVID-19 in Wisconsin.

I'll print a hard copy for John to bring along with the laptop.

Luke

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Talking Points on April Election Op-Ed

Call in Information:

Vicki McKenna Show – 2:07PM hit, call in by 2:00PM

Call in Number: 608-663-7297

Basic Information:

- Election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7.
- This is a state-wide election that includes:
 - State Supreme Court race
 - Democratic Primary for President
 - Hundreds if not thousands of local elections for school board, mayors, county executives, etc.
- The primary for this election was held on Tuesday, February 18.

Why should we continue with this election on April 7?

- Elections are too important to move.
 - Elections give our citizens a chance to directly weigh in on the direction of our country, state, and local communities.
 - For many folks that aren't active in politics this is their best chance to make their voices heard.
- We've held elections during difficult times in the past:
 - We elected a Governor in November 1918 during the Spanish Flu Outbreak.
 - We held elections throughout the Civil War and both World Wars.
 - There is no guarantee that delaying the election a few weeks will dramatically change the challenges presented by COVID-19
- We need to elect local leaders.
 - While the Democratic Presidential Primary and Supreme Court Election could be delayed, local races are needed to fill openings.
 - Mayors, city council members and county board supervisors across this state have terms that expire on the third Tuesday in April.
 - Given our election procedures, we need time to canvass votes, so these elections cannot be delayed and still fill these openings.
- Practically, it would take a change in state law to move the election and that is not going to happen.
 - We would have to pass a new bill through both houses of the legislature and have the Governor sign it.
 - Accomplishing this over the next week is impractical and unethical.

- Hundreds of thousands of absentee ballots have been requested and cast at this point, this election is already underway.
- If you are concerned about voting on Election Day there are alternatives.
 - Unfortunately, these opportunities vary widely based on the community you live in.
 - Some communities in our area have really stepped up and are making voting early very easy.
 - I should single out the Village of Richfield for their drive through voting set-up that is helping hundreds of folks vote this week.
 - This is a simple and safe way for folks to vote early and in-person, I commend them for their planning and execution of this idea.
 - Other communities like the City of West Bend are working hard to get absentee ballots out in the mail to folks while offering significant opportunities for in-person absentee voting.
 - If you want to vote early in-person you should contact your local clerk and make a plan to vote in-person this week.

What's in the Evers Bill

- Election Related Items
 - Suspends Voter ID
 - Allows Electronic Registration until April 2nd without proof of photo ID
 - Waives witness requirement for absentee votes by mail
- Allows a public health emergency to go on indefinitely
- Creates dozens of new positions at DHS
- Gives DOA \$200 million of unchecked spending authority with JFC review for any spending over \$200 million
- Increases eligibility ceiling for W2 Welfare Program from 115% of poverty line to 200% of poverty line during public health emergency
- Prevents school employees from being laid off
- Suspends evictions during a public health emergency and for 45 days after

General COVID-19 Information – as of Monday, March 30

- 1,221 Positive Tests
- 14 Deaths
- Current Numbers are posted daily by 2PM on DHS' website
- Executive Order from Evers
 - Closes non-essential businesses until 24th
 - If you are still trying to decide if you are an essential business you can visit WEDC's website which is WEDC.org
- The State Senate preparing for the possibility of a future virtual meeting of the State Senate

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark; Soper, John
Subject: FW: re: Legislative Communication Regarding COVID-19
Attachments: Legislature Temporary Telecommuting Agreement.2020.docx

Importance: High

Here's the work from home one, which is actually the one I meant to forward, not the COVID-19 sick leave one I just sent.

John, I'll leave this, my timesheet, the laptop and the cord on your desk chair before I leave today.

Luke

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Subject: re: Legislative Communication Regarding COVID-19
Importance: High

Good Afternoon:

The Wisconsin State Legislature is closely monitoring guidance provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as it relates to the spread of COVID-19 (formerly the novel coronavirus). As a result of this information, the following guidance is being released to all legislative staff:

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The CDC currently advises that common COVID-19 symptoms include flu-like symptoms (fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, cough or sore throat, headache or body aches, and in some cases diarrhea and vomiting) or symptoms of respiratory illness (fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, cough, and shortness of breath).

The CDC advises that the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19. The following are simple everyday actions everyone can take to help prevent the spread of this virus:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, and then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean/disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

More information regarding COVID-19 can be found on the DHS website, including a list of [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Employees who have flu-like symptoms (fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, cough or sore throat, headache or body aches, and in some cases diarrhea and vomiting) **or symptoms of acute respiratory illness** (fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, coughing, and shortness of breath) should stay home and not come into work until they are free of fever, signs of a fever, and any other symptoms for at least 24 hours, without the use of a fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicine. People remain contagious even after they are feeling better; as such, these measure help prevent passing on the flu to others. Employees should notify their supervisor of any work absences and contact their healthcare provider as necessary.

Employees who are sick with COVID-19 or suspect they are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 will self-quarantine for 14 days and may not return to work until the quarantine has concluded and the employee is no longer considered infectious. **Employees should notify their supervisor and the Legislative Human Resources Office (LHRO) Director (amanda.jorgenson@legis.wisconsin.gov) regarding work absences for these purposes.** In addition, employees should call their healthcare provider immediately BEFORE going to the clinic or emergency room. Employees should also follow the steps identified by the [CDC](#) to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

Employees with chronic illness such as asthma or diabetes, a weakened immune system, or are pregnant, should consult with your health care provider to determine if additional actions are needed.

Employees who miss work due to illness, or engage in self-quarantine or self-monitoring actions should contact the Legislative Human Resources Office (LHRO) with any paid leave time/leave usage questions and Family and Medical Leave (FMLA) requests. Please also note that the House recently passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (which is currently pending passage in the Senate). This bill responds to the coronavirus outbreak by providing paid emergency leave to employees, among other items. Specifically, this act would provide two weeks of additional paid sick leave for employees to quarantine, seek treatment, or care for a family member/child. In addition, this act would amend the existing Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) to provide up to 12 weeks of paid leave to employees who go into quarantine, care for a family member in quarantine, or care for a child whose school is closed. *Updates related to this act will be provided to staff as information becomes available.*

In addition, Legislative Offices are encouraged to assess their individual business needs and determine if work at home is feasible/necessary for staff on a temporary basis during this time. If individual business needs dictate that work at home is necessary for staff on a temporary basis, offices should utilize/follow the instructions provided in the attached **Legislature Temporary Telecommuting Agreement**. In addition, if you need Legislative Remote Access Instructions (VPN) or Simultaneous Ring Instructions (which allows you to send your office calls to another phone number), please contact the Legislative Technology Services Bureau (LTSB).

GUIDANCE FOR LEGISLATIVE STAFF REGARDING PERSONAL TRAVEL

Employees should communicate personal travel plans to their supervisor. It is highly recommended that employees postpone or cancel personal travel outside of Wisconsin at this time. Cases of COVID-19 have been reported in [many states](#), and some areas are experiencing community spread of the disease. [The United States](#) is currently listed as a CDC Level 2 Country (as part of a Global Outbreak Notice). Cases are growing both domestically and internationally. As such, employees may face a higher risk of infection, significant delays returning to Wisconsin, and/or the requirement to self-isolate upon return, all of which pose great individual expense.

Employees returning from a [CDC Level 3 Travel Advisory Area](#) (China, South Korea, Iran, Europe, United Kingdom, and Ireland), **may not** return to the workplace for 14 days. To protect the community, employees are highly encouraged to

self-quarantine for 14 days and monitor for symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, etc.) during this time. If this happens, **employees should notify their supervisor and the Legislative Human Resources Office (LHRO) Director (amanda.jorgenson@legis.wisconsin.gov)** that they will not be into work for this purpose.

Employees returning from any location under a Level 2 CDC Travel Health Notice, which currently includes but is not limited to travel within the United States, are advised (**highly encouraged**) to self-monitor for symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, etc.) and limit interactions with others for 14 days. If this happens, employees should notify their supervisor that they will not be into work for this purpose.

Please note that this guidance/information may change as the situation continues to develop.

Thank-you,

Amanda Jorgenson



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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE TEMPORARY TELECOMMUTING AGREEMENT

This telecommuting agreement between the Wisconsin State Legislature and [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) specifies the conditions applicable to an arrangement for performing work at an alternate work location (telecommuting) on a *temporary* basis. Please note that failure to comply with any item below may result in loss of telecommuting privileges. This agreement can be withdrawn at any time by either party.

As a legislative telecommuter employee, I understand and agree to the following:

1. This agreement begins on [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) and is temporary in nature.
2. The alternative, temporary work location is located at [Click or tap here to enter text.](#).
3. Normal work duties and assignments are authorized to be performed at the alternative work location. The supervisor reserves the right to assign work as necessary at any work location.
4. The employee agrees to document work done at the alternative work location by emailing a description of work performed to his/her supervisor (this email should be sent at the end of each day).
5. The employee agrees to remain accessible during designated work hours. The following methods of agreed upon communication are:
 - a. Cell phone: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
 - b. Email: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) **@legis.wisconsin.gov**
6. The employee agrees to maintain a safe and secure work environment. Specifically, the employee agrees that any workspace will accommodate the equipment used while the employee is working, and the employee agrees to protect the workspace from any hazards and/or dangers that could affect the equipment and/or the employee. The employee understands that the Wisconsin State Legislature has no reasonable means to inspect or evaluate the alternate work location and accepts this responsibility.
7. The employee understands that the designated alternate workspace is considered an extension of his/her Wisconsin State Legislature work location, and therefore he/she is governed by the provisions of worker's compensation. As such, the employee agrees to report all work-related injuries to his/her supervisor and the Legislative Human Resources Office (LHRO) at the earliest reasonable opportunity. The employee agrees to hold the Wisconsin State Legislature harmless for injury to others at the alternate work location.
8. The employee understands that the Wisconsin State Legislature will not be liable for injuries to members of his/her family or any other persons at the alternate work location.
9. The employee agrees to use Wisconsin State Legislature owned equipment, records, and materials for purposes of legislative business only, and to protect them against unauthorized or accidental

access, use, modification, destruction, or disclosure. The employee agrees to report to his/her supervisor instances of loss, damage, or unauthorized access at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

10. The employee agrees to provide his/her own equipment for use at the alternate work location, unless he/she been approved to use Wisconsin State Legislature-owned equipment at the alternate work location. The employee understands that he/she will be provided VPN software to connect to the Legislature's domain. *(NOTE: Employees should contact the Legislative Technology Services Bureau (LTSB) with any questions/needs related to VPN software.)*
11. The employee agrees to use remote access services (VPN) to connect his/her home office computer while working at the alternate work location. In addition, the employee understands that all legislative work should be done through the legislative network, and it is forbidden to transfer files or save legislative related data or work to his/her personally-owned computer.
12. The employee understands that all equipment, records, and materials provided by the Wisconsin State Legislature shall remain the property of the Wisconsin State Legislature.
13. The employee understands that it is his/her responsibility to make sure that the alternate work location is covered by appropriate insurance. The employee understands that the Wisconsin State Legislature is not liable for the employee's personal property.
14. The employee understands that electricity and internet connectivity at the alternate work location is his/her responsibility.
15. The employee understands that he/she is responsible for any tax consequences of this arrangement and for conformance to any local zoning regulations.
16. The employee understands that his/her personal vehicle shall not be used for Wisconsin State Legislature business unless specifically authorized by his/her supervisor.
17. The employee understands that all obligations, responsibilities, terms, and conditions of employment with the Wisconsin State Legislature remain unchanged, except those obligations and responsibilities specifically addressed in this agreement.

Employee

Date

Supervisor

Date

***PLEASE SEND A COPY TO THE LEGISLATIVE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE:
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To: Radcliffe, Mark; Soper, John
Subject: FW: Re: Federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act Paid Sick Leave & Paid Emergency FMLA
Attachments: Wisconsin Legislature COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Form.3.2020.docx; Wisconsin Legislature COVID-19 Paid Emergency FMLA Form.3.2020.docx
Importance: High

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Subject: Re: Federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act Paid Sick Leave & Paid Emergency FMLA
Importance: High

Good Afternoon:

On March 18, 2020, the President signed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which includes two temporary types of paid leave for employees impacted by the declared COVID-19 public health emergency. These temporary paid leave provisions are available for legislative staff to utilize (**from March 2020 through December 31, 2020**) in accordance with the information provided below:

COVID-19 PAID SICK LEAVE

The act provides for up to 80 hours of paid sick leave for an employee (**employees include: full-time staff, part-time staff, and LTE staff**) affected by the public health emergency. This leave is in addition to any paid sick leave already provided by an employer, and an employee may use the sick leave under this act prior to using any other paid leave provided by an employer.

- **COVID-19 SICK LEAVE (SELF):**
 - **ALLOWED USEAGE/PAY RATE FOR LEAVE:** If the paid sick leave is used for self-care, which includes: self-quarantine or self-isolation purposes (related to COVID-19 exposure/potential exposure, travel, etc.), if a person is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 and is seeking a medical diagnosis, or is diagnosed with COVID-19, **employees may utilize up to 80 hours of paid sick leave and employees will receive the regular rate of pay, capped at \$511 per day and \$5,110 for the total leave period.**
- **COVID-19 SICK LEAVE (FAMILY/CHILDCARE):**

- **ALLOWED USAGE/PAY RATE FOR LEAVE:** If the paid sick leave is used to care for a family member who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, is diagnosed with COVID-19, or has been advised to self-quarantine or self-isolate; to care for a child whose school has closed due to COVID-19; or, if the child care provider is unavailable due to COVID-19, ***employees may utilize up to 80 hours of paid sick leave and employees will receive two-thirds of the regular rate of pay, capped at \$200 per day and \$2,000 for the total leave period.***
- **PART-TIME EMPLOYEES:** Part-time employees are entitled to two weeks of pay, based upon the number of hours the employee works, on average, over a two week period; or, if the employee's hours are varied (and not consistent/regular), based upon the average hours worked over the preceding six months.
- **TIME REPORTING:**
 - **TRIO (Full-time, Part-time, and LTE Staff):** Two new tabs have been created in TRIO: "COVID-19 SICK LEAVE (SELF)" and "COVID-19 SICK LEAVE (FAMILY/CHILDCARE)" for staff to utilize for these purposes. *NOTE: Staff may not utilize more than 80 hours total of "COVID-19 SICK LEAVE (SELF)" and/or "COVID-19 SICK LEAVE (FAMILY/CHILDCARE)".*
***Staff will need to close out of any browser with TRIO already open in it and reopen TRIO in order to see the new tabs.**
 - **LTE Paper Timesheets:** LTE staff utilizing paper timesheets and claiming either leave discussed above should write in the "DATE" they are utilizing the leave, "TOTAL HOURS" for each date they are utilizing the leave, and write "COVID-19 SICK LEAVE (SELF)" or "COVID-19 SICK LEAVE (FAMILY/CHILDCARE)" by each date/hours written in for these leaves. *NOTE: Staff may not utilize more than 80 hours total of "COVID-19 SICK LEAVE (SELF)" and/or "COVID-19 SICK LEAVE (FAMILY/CHILDCARE)".*
 - **LTE Other:** LTE staff that do not utilize TRIO or LTE Paper Timesheets should discuss with their supervisor the best way to report "COVID-19 SICK LEAVE (SELF)" or "COVID-19 SICK LEAVE (FAMILY/CHILDCARE)" leave time. (For example, staff may print off their time report and write in the date, amount of hours used, type of paid leave listed above, and sign/date the report.)
- **REQUIRED FORM:** In addition to the required time reporting discussed above, employees are also required to fill out/turn in the attached **COVID-19 PAID SICK LEAVE FORM** to human resources, in order to be paid for any such claimed leave:
 - **Assembly Staff:** Lisa.Maffet@legis.wisconsin.gov
 - **Senate Staff:** Heidi.Sarnow@legis.wisconsin.gov
- **PAYROLL NOTICE:** Please note that payroll for March 2020 (paid April 2020) has already been processed. As such, staff who utilize paid leave under these provisions for their March 2020 timesheet (with a two-thirds pay rate and/or are effected by the salary cap), will recognize the reduced salary rate on their April 2020 (paid May 2020) paycheck.

COVID-19 PAID EMERGENCY FMLA

- **ALLOWED USAGE:** The act creates a new basis for which FMLA may be used, and requires the FMLA leave used for this purpose to be paid, in part. COVID-19 Emergency FMLA allows employees (***employees include: full-time staff, part-time staff, and LTE staff, as long as the staff member worked for the legislature at least 30 days prior to the leave usage***) up to 12-weeks of job-protected leave if an employee is unable to work or telework,

because the employee is needed to care for the employee's child (who is under the age of 18) due to the fact that the child's school or childcare facility has been closed or the childcare provider is unavailable due to COVID-19.

NOTE: COVID-19 Paid Emergency FMLA does not create an additional 12-week allotment of FMLA. Rather, employees are only eligible for up to 12 weeks total of general (regular) FMLA and COVID-19 Paid Emergency FMLA. In addition, general (regular) FMLA is unpaid; however, employee may substitute paid leave time for general (regular) FMLA.

- **PAY RATE FOR LEAVE:** The 12 weeks of job-protected leave includes two (2) weeks of unpaid leave, followed by up to 10 weeks of paid leave. Eligible employees may choose to overlap the initial two weeks of unpaid leave with two weeks of other paid leave provided by an employer (including the COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave). ***Employees will receive two-thirds of the regular rate of pay, capped at \$200 per day and \$2,000 for the total leave period, for the 10 week period of paid leave under this provision.***
- **PART-TIME EMPLOYEES:** Part-time employees will receive a prorated amount of COVID-19 Paid Emergency FMLA.
- **TIME REPORTING:**
 - **TRIO (Full-time, Part-time, and LTE Staff):** A new tab has been created in TRIO: "COVID-19 PAID EMERGENCY FMLA" for staff to utilize for this purpose. *NOTE: Staff may not utilize more than 480 hours (12 weeks) of "COVID-19 PAID EMERGENCY FMLA".*
***Staff will need to close out of any browser with TRIO already open in it and reopen TRIO in order to see the new tab.**
 - **LTE Paper Timesheets:** LTE staff utilizing paper timesheets and claiming either leave discussed above should write in the "DATE" they are utilizing the leave, "TOTAL HOURS" for each date they are utilizing the leave, and write "COVID-19 PAID EMERGENCY FMLA" by each date/hours written in for these leaves. *NOTE: Staff may not utilize more than 480 hours (12 weeks) of "COVID-19 PAID EMERGENCY FMLA".*
 - **LTE Other:** LTE staff that do not utilize TRIO or LTE Paper Timesheets should discuss with their supervisor the best way to report "COVID-19 PAID EMERGENCY FMLA" leave time. (For example, staff may print off their time report and write in the date, amount of hours used, type of paid leave listed above, and sign/date the report.)
- **REQUIRED FORM:** In addition to the required time reporting (discussed above), employees are also required to fill out/turn in the attached **COVID-19 PAID EMERGENCY FMLA FORM** to human resources, in order to be paid for any such claimed leave:
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- **PAYROLL NOTICE:** Please note that payroll for March 2020 (paid April 2020) has already been processed. As such, staff who utilize paid leave under this provision for their March 2020 timesheet (due to the two-thirds pay rate and/or the salary cap), will recognize the reduced salary rate on their April 2020 (paid May 2020) paycheck.

EXAMPLES

- Employee A has a child (under 18 years old) that is home due to a school or daycare closure. Employee A engages in six (6) hours of telecommute work per day and spends (2) hours each day caring for/homeschooling

the child. Under this situation, Employee A could request/utilize both COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave (Family/Childcare) and COVID-19 Paid Emergency FMLA. The employee would be paid for six (6) hours of work each day (at his/her regular rate) and two (2) hours of leave each day (at a two-thirds rate/salary cap). The employee could utilize COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave (Family/Childcare) for up to 80 hours to cover the first two weeks of COVID-19 Paid Emergency FMLA that is unpaid, and then could receive up to another 10 weeks (400 hours) of COVID-19 Paid Emergency FMLA (at a two-thirds rate/salary cap) to continue to care for/homeschool the employee's minor child.

- Employee B has a child (under 18 years old) that is home due to a school or daycare closure. Employee B cannot engage in any telecommute work due to the child's needs. Under this situation, Employee B could request/utilize both COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave (Family/Childcare) and COVID-19 Paid Emergency FMLA. The employee would be paid for up to eight (8) hours of leave each day (at a two-thirds rate/salary cap). The employee could utilize COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave (Family/Childcare) for up to 80 hours to cover the first two weeks of COVID-19 Paid Emergency FMLA that is unpaid, and then could receive up to another 10 weeks (400 hours) of COVID-19 Paid Emergency FMLA (at a two-thirds rate/salary cap) to care for the employee's minor child.
- Employee C had exposure/potential exposure to COVID-19 or engaged in travel to a location where it was required and/or highly recommended that the employee engage in self-quarantine for two weeks prior to returning to work. Employee C did not engage in any telecommute work during his/her self-quarantine. Under this situation, Employee C could request/utilize COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave (Self) for the two weeks (up to 80 hours) and receive his/her full rate of pay (subject to any salary cap). If Employee C then developed COVID-19 symptoms or was diagnosed with COVID-19, and was unable to work, Employee C could also apply for general (regular) FMLA and may be able to utilize up to 12 weeks of general (regular) FMLA. General (regular) FMLA is unpaid; however, Employee C could substitute his/her paid leave time to cover some/all of the resulting leave of absence.
- Employee D had exposure/potential exposure to COVID-19 or engaged in travel to a location where it was required and/or highly recommended that the employee engage in self-quarantine for two weeks prior to returning to work. Employee D engaged in four (4) hours of telecommute work per day during his/her self-quarantine. Under this situation, Employee D could request/utilize COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave (Self). The employee would be paid for four (4) hours of work each day at his/her regular rate of pay and four (4) hours of leave each day (up to 80 hours) at his/her full rate of pay (subject to any salary cap). If Employee D then developed COVID-19 symptoms or was diagnosed with COVID-19, and was unable to work, Employee D could also apply for general (regular) FMLA and may be able to utilize up to 12 weeks of general (regular) FMLA. General (regular) FMLA is unpaid; however, Employee D could substitute his/her paid leave time to cover some/all of the resulting leave of absence.
- Employee E developed COVID-19 symptoms and/or was diagnosed with COVID-19 and engaged in self-quarantine/self-isolation. Employee E did not engage in any telecommute work during his/her self-quarantine/self-isolation. Under this situation, Employee E could request/utilize COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave (Self) for the two weeks (up to 80 hours) and receive his/her full rate of pay (subject to any salary cap). Employee E may also apply for general (regular) FMLA and may be able to utilize up to 12 weeks of general (regular) FMLA. General (regular) FMLA is unpaid; however, Employee E could substitute his/her paid leave time to cover some/all of the resulting leave of absence.
- Employee F had to care for a family member who was exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, was diagnosed with COVID-19, or had been advised to self-quarantine or self-isolate. Employee F did not engage in any telecommute work while caring for his/her family member. Under this situation, Employee F could request/utilize COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave (Family/Childcare). The employee would be paid for up to eight (8) hours of leave each day (at a

two-thirds rate/salary cap) for up to two weeks (80 hours). Employee F may also apply for general (regular) FMLA and may be able to utilize up to 12 weeks of general (regular) FMLA to care for his/her family member. General (regular) FMLA is unpaid; however, Employee F could substitute his/her paid leave time to cover some/all of the resulting leave of absence.

We understand there may be unique circumstances where a particular scenario may qualify under more than one example listed above. We also understand that these leave policies are complex. If you are unsure about how the different leave categories apply to your individual situation, please don't hesitate to contact the LHRO at (608) 316-9700.

Thank-you to Legislative Council for their guidance with the provisions contained within the act discussed above and LTSB for their technical support.

Thank-you,

Amanda Jorgenson



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COVID-19 PAID SICK LEAVE FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

I am applying for:

COVID-19 PAID SICK LEAVE (SELF)* *(Pay Rate: Employee's regular pay rate, subject to salary cap)*

Please briefly state the reason for the leave:

☐

COVID-19 PAID SICK LEAVE (FAMILY/CHILDCARE)* *(Pay Rate: Two-thirds of employee's regular pay rate, subject to salary cap)*

Please briefly state the reason for the leave:

☐

*Employees may not use more than 80 total hours of COVID-19 Sick Leave (Self) and/or COVID-19 paid Sick Leave (Family/Childcare). Part-time employees will receive prorated leave hours.

Please list all dates/hour(s) you will be utilizing the leave checked above (if you will be using a combination of the two leaves above, please also specify the leave type for each date/hour(s) listed):

WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE COVID-19 PAID SICK LEAVE FORM

Employee
Signature & Date

(NOTE: Electronic signatures will be accepted, as necessary)

PLEASE RETURN TO THE LHRO:
ASSEMBLY: lisa.maffet@legis.wisconsin.gov
SENATE: Heidi.sarnow@legis.wisconsin.gov

WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE

COVID-19 PAID EMERGENCY FMLA FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

I am applying for:

COVID-19 PAID EMERGENCY FMLA* (*Pay Rate: Two-thirds of employee's regular pay rate, subject to salary cap*)

Please briefly state the reason for the leave:

☐

*Employees may not use more than 480 total hours of COVID-19 Paid Emergency FMLA (part-time employees will receive prorated leave hours).

Please list all dates/hour(s) you will be utilizing the leave checked above:

Employee

Signature & Date _____

(NOTE: Electronic signatures will be accepted, as necessary)

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SENATE: Heidi.sarnow@legis.wisconsin.gov

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:48 PM
To: McKenna, Vicki
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Stroebel Election Op-Ed

Perfect, is [REDACTED] still the correct call in number?

Thanks.

Luke

From: McKenna, Vicki <VickiMcKenna@iheartmedia.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:40 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Stroebel Election Op-Ed

How about 2:07 tomorrow?

Vicki McKenna

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From: Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:34 PM
To: McKenna, Vicki <VickiMcKenna@iheartmedia.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stroebel Election Op-Ed

Hi Vicki,

Duey wrote an op-ed for MacIver over the weekend on why the election should be held on April 7th as planned.

Would you be interested in having him on your show this week to talk about why we are holding the election on April 7th?

Thanks.

Luke

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Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:54 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: Op-Ed Talking Points for Radio
Attachments: April Election Op-Ed Talking Points.docx

Hi Duey,

Attached are my suggested talking points for the April Election Op-Ed. Vicki could have you on at 2:07PM tomorrow.

Let me know what you think.

Luke

Talking Points on April Election Op-Ed

Basic Information:

- Election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7.
- This is a state-wide election that includes:
 - State Supreme Court race
 - Democratic Primary for President
 - Hundreds if not thousands of local elections for school board, mayors, county executives, etc.
- The primary for this election was held on Tuesday, February 18.

Why should we continue with this election on April 7?

- Elections are too important to move.
 - Elections give our citizens a chance to directly weigh in on the direction of our country, state, and local communities.
 - For many folks that aren't active in politics this is their best chance to make their voices heard.
- We've held elections during difficult times in the past:
 - We elected a Governor in November 1918 during the Spanish Flu Outbreak.
 - We held elections throughout the Civil War and both World Wars.
 - There is no guarantee that delaying the election a few weeks will dramatically change the challenges presented by COVID-19
- We need to elect local leaders.
 - While the Democratic Presidential Primary and Supreme Court Election could be delayed, local races are needed to fill openings.
 - Mayors, city council members and county board supervisors across this state have terms that expire on the third Tuesday in April.
 - Given our election procedures, we need time to canvass votes, so these elections cannot be delayed and still fill these openings.
- Practically, it would take a change in state law to move the election and that is not going to happen.
 - We would have to pass a new bill through both houses of the legislature and have the Governor sign it.
 - Accomplishing this over the next week is impractical and unethical.
 - Hundreds of thousands of absentee ballots have been requested and cast at this point, this election is already underway.
- If you are concerned about voting on Election Day there are alternatives.
 - Unfortunately, these opportunities vary widely based on the community you live in.
 - Some communities in our area have really stepped up and are making voting early very easy.
 - I should single out the Village of Richfield for their drive through voting set-up that is helping hundreds of folks vote this week.

- This is a simple and safe way for folks to vote early and in-person, I commend them for their planning and execution of this idea.
- Other communities like the City of West Bend are working hard to get absentee ballots out in the mail to folks while offering significant opportunities for in-person absentee voting.
- If you want to vote early in-person you should contact your local clerk and make a plan to vote in-person this week.

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Thanks.

Luke

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 9:04 PM
To: Brett Healy
Subject: Re: April Election Op-Ed from Senator Stroebel

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 29, 2020, at 8:39 PM, Brett Healy <bhealy@maciverinstitute.com> wrote:

No worries.

Looks good. We will post tomorrow.

Thanks.

Brett Healy

President
The John K. MacIver Institute for Public Policy

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On Mar 29, 2020, at 8:32 PM, Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 8:34 PM
To: DanODonnell@iheartmedia.com
Subject: April Election
Attachments: April Election Op-Ed.docx

Hi Dan,

Senator Stroebel wrote the attached op-ed over the weekend. I'm working on getting it placed now, but was hoping to see if you would be open to Duey joining you on your show to discuss the op-ed and why it's important that we don't reschedule the election.

Thanks.

Luke

Wisconsin is dealing with the huge, unexpected disruption of the COVID-19 virus and the measures we are taking to combat it. I applaud everyone involved in keeping Wisconsinites healthy, keeping essential businesses running and keeping our stores stocked with critical goods. There is another essential event coming up soon that must not be cancelled or moved: the April 7th election.

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Fuller, Lucas

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To: Brett Healy
Subject: RE: April Election Op-Ed from Senator Stroebel
Attachments: April Election Op-Ed.docx

Oh man, add email to my list of struggles these days...Sorry about that, attached this time.

From: Brett Healy [bhealy@maciverinstitute.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 8:28 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Re: April Election Op-Ed from Senator Stroebel

Hey Luke,

I don't see an attachment.

Thanks.

Brett Healy

President
The John K. MacIver Institute for Public Policy

bhealy@maciverinstitute.com

On Mar 29, 2020, at 8:28 PM, Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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Luke

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 7:02 PM
To: Soper, John
Subject: Re: New, Spicier Draft of 4/7 Op-Ed

This is the final version right? I'll send it to MacIver tonight and hit up talk radio as well.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2020, at 4:11 PM, Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

I used ~ 70% from old piece, cut out bipartisan stuff and added more numbers about how great our turnout is to prove we don't need a different date
<April Election Joint Op-Ed.docx>

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:24 AM
To: wsjopine@madison.com
Subject: Op-Ed on Importance of Voting

Hi,

Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Saukville) and Senator Bob Wirth (D-Kenosha) are finalizing a joint op-ed of about 460 words on the importance of voting in the April election. I anticipate having the final text very early Monday or possibly tomorrow afternoon.

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Thank you.

Luke

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Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:58 PM
To: jsedit@jrn.com
Subject: Op-Ed on Importance of Voting

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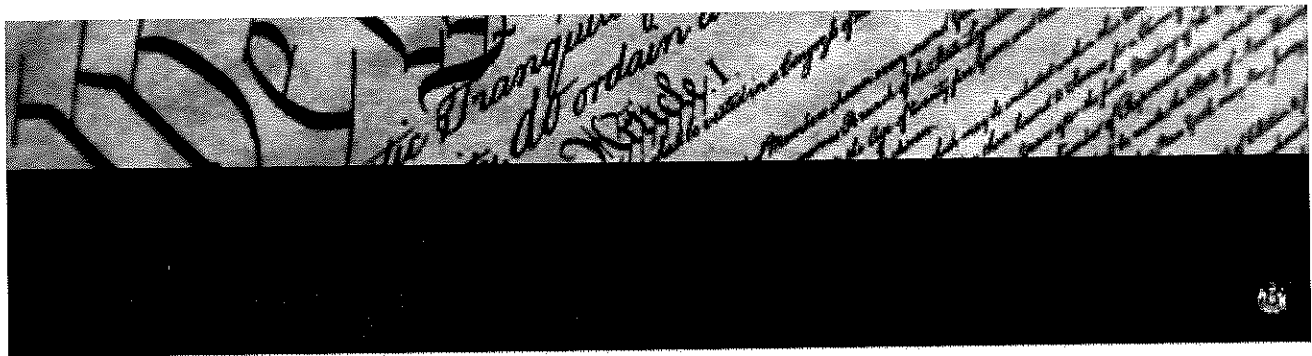
Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: FW: Co-sponsorship of LRB 5953/1 - re: Legislative Emergency Oversight Act
Attachments: 19-5953_1.pdf

I wanted to just check on this co-sponsorship when you call back on the newsletter too if you have a second.

From: Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:25 PM
To: *Legislative All Senate <ALLSEN@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative All Assembly <ALLASM@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Co-sponsorship of LRB 5953/1 - re: Legislative Emergency Oversight Act

CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM



TO: All Legislature
FROM: Senator David Craig
RE: Co-Sponsorship of LRB-5953/1: **Legislative Emergency Oversight Act**
DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2020

SHORT DEADLINE: TODAY - Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 5pm

(short deadline due to the end of the regular legislative session)

In these unprecedented times, citizens and business across our state have been drastically impacted by the government shutdown of our economy during the COVID-19 crisis. However, the Executive Branch does not have unchecked authority in such a crisis. To impair fundamental rights - as gathering bans, etc. do - the government must have a compelling state interest to do so **AND** must do so in a narrowly-tailored and least restrictive means possible under the constitution. Without additional clarity by the executive branch, it is clear that this authority has been exceeded. During this and future times of crisis, the people of Wisconsin need the surety, specificity, and constitutional consideration that would come from actions of the Legislature done in coordination with the Executive Branch.

In an effort to alleviate the uncertainty surrounding the cascade of Emergency Orders and the negative impacts they have had on our fundamental civil liberties and the state's economy, I am introducing legislation

to provide legislative oversight of the Executive Branch during times of emergency or pandemic. The measures include:

- Requiring legislative approval of any statewide “shelter-in-place” order for reasons of pandemic or infectious disease
- Requiring legislative passive review of any “Emergency Declaration” after 30 days, with affirmative approval needed for a state of emergency lasting longer than 60 days
- Requiring a written report detailing the satisfaction of strict scrutiny concerns be given to the legislature prior to a ban of gatherings of 50 or fewer is to be in effect
- Requiring an immediate report to the legislature of arrests for mass gathering violations

These are measured and appropriate checks which re-assert the Legislature’s role in establishing the appropriate, constitutionally-required balance between public safety, economic impact, and constitutional rights in times of emergency.

Should you wish to be added on as a co-sponsor of the Legislative Emergency Oversight Act, please reply to this email. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chad Taylor in Senator Craig’s office (6-5400).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the governor may issue an executive order declaring a state of emergency if he or she determines that an emergency exists due to disaster, public health emergency, or computer or telecommunications systems. Under current law, a state of emergency cannot exceed 60 days, unless it is extended by joint resolution of the legislature, and the executive order may be revoked at the discretion of either the governor by executive order or the legislature by joint resolution.

This bill requires the governor to submit a copy of any order declaring a state of emergency that may exceed 30 days to the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization. Under the bill, if the cochairpersons of JCLO do not notify the governor that JCLO has scheduled a meeting to review the order within 14 working days after the date the governor submits the order, the state of emergency may last for up to 60 days. If, within 14 working days after the date the governor submits the order, the cochairpersons of JCLO notify the governor that JCLO has scheduled a meeting to review the order, the state of emergency may exceed 30 days only if approved or as modified by JCLO. This bill applies retroactively to any executive order declaring a state of emergency that is in effect on the effective date of the bill.

Under current law, a person who fails to comply with an order issued by the Department of Health Services for the control of an outbreak or epidemic may be imprisoned for not more than 30 days or fined not more than \$500 or both. Under this bill, if a person is arrested for such a violation, the arresting law enforcement agency must immediately report the arrest to the legislature.

This bill provides that any statewide order issued by DHS or any other state agency requiring individuals to stay at their home or place of residence for reasons related to an epidemic, pandemic, or communicable disease may not go into effect unless legislation authorizing the specific order is enacted.

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order serve a compelling governmental interest and are narrowly tailored to achieve that compelling governmental interest.



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

LRB-5953/1
SWB&MLJ:amn

2019 SENATE BILL

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 323.10; and *to create* 175.39, 252.02 (7m),
2 252.02 (8), 323.10 (3), 323.12 (1) (d) and 323.14 (3) (c) of the statutes; **relating**
3 **to:** the length of time for a declared state of emergency; reporting of arrests for
4 a violation of an order relating to the control of an outbreak or epidemic;
5 requiring legislative approval of any statewide order mandating individuals to
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The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 175.39 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **175.39 Arrest for violation of an order related to the control of an**
3 **outbreak or epidemic.** (1) In this section, "law enforcement agency" has the
4 meaning given in s. 165.83 (1) (b).

5 (2) If a person is arrested for violation of s. 252.25 for failure to comply with
6 an order issued under ch. 252 relating to the control of an outbreak or epidemic, the

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1 arresting law enforcement agency shall immediately submit a report of the arrest to
2 the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to the legislature under
3 s. 13.172 (2).

4 **SECTION 2.** 252.02 (7m) of the statutes is created to read:

5 252.02 (7m) Before the department issues any order banning gatherings of 50
6 or fewer individuals under this section, the department of health services shall
7 submit to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2) a report detailing the justification for
8 the order, including how the restrictions in the order serve a compelling
9 governmental interest and are narrowly tailored to achieve that compelling
10 governmental interest.

11 **SECTION 3.** 252.02 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

12 252.02 (8) Any statewide order issued by the department or any other state
13 agency requiring individuals present in the state to stay at their home or place of
14 residence for reasons relating to an epidemic, pandemic, or communicable disease,
15 may not take effect unless legislation has been enacted authorizing the specific order.

16 **SECTION 4.** 323.10 of the statutes is renumbered 323.10 (1) and amended to
17 read:

18 323.10 (1) The governor may issue an executive order declaring a state of
19 emergency for the state or any portion of the state if he or she determines that an
20 emergency resulting from a disaster or the imminent threat of a disaster exists. If
21 the governor determines that a public health emergency exists, he or she may issue
22 an executive order declaring a state of emergency related to public health for the
23 state or any portion of the state and may designate the department of health services
24 as the lead state agency to respond to that emergency. If the governor determines
25 that the emergency is related to computer or telecommunication systems, he or she

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1 may designate the department of administration as the lead agency to respond to
2 that emergency. ~~A state of emergency shall not exceed 60 days, unless the state of~~
3 ~~emergency is extended by joint resolution of the legislature.~~

4 (2) A copy of the executive order shall be filed with the secretary of state. The
5 executive order may be revoked at the discretion of either the governor by executive
6 order or the legislature by joint resolution.

7 **SECTION 5.** 323.10 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

8 323.10 (3) (a) A state of emergency may not exceed 60 days, unless the state
9 of emergency is extended by joint resolution of the legislature.

10 (b) If a state of emergency is declared that may exceed 30 days, the governor
11 shall submit a copy of the executive order to the joint committee on legislative
12 organization. If the cochairpersons of the committee do not notify the governor that
13 the committee has scheduled a meeting to review the order within 14 working days
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10 applies retroactively to any executive order declaring a state of emergency in effect
11 on the effective date of this subsection.

12 (END)

Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:18 AM
To: Kennedy, Sean P - DNR; Ruby, Erin A - DNR
Subject: RE: Stewardship

Thanks!

From: Kennedy, Sean P - DNR <seanp.kennedy@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ruby, Erin A - DNR <Erin.Ruby@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Stewardship

Hi Luke,

The DNR Leg. team is in good shape so far, hope you are healthy as well!

Erin and I are meeting with our stewardship folks next week so I will pass along your question to that group and follow up with you after that conversation with an update.

Best,

We are committed to service excellence.

Visit our survey at <http://dnr.wi.gov/customersurvey> to evaluate how I did.

Sean Kennedy
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From: Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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I totally understand if the answer is check back in a month.

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Luke

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Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:40 PM
To: Rachael Vasquez
Subject: RE: INTERVIEW REQUEST - Wisconsin Public Radio - tomorrow Weds. 3/25

Hi Rachel,

I don't think Senator Stroebel will be available at that time tomorrow.

Thanks for reaching out though.

Luke

From: Rachael Vasquez <rachael.vasquez@wpr.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sikma, Brian <Brian.Sikma@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: INTERVIEW REQUEST - Wisconsin Public Radio - tomorrow Weds. 3/25
Importance: High

Hi all,

Hope everyone is well! I'm writing with WPR's afternoon talk show Central Time to see if Sen. Stroebel is available for an interview with us on our show tomorrow afternoon to talk about some of his concerns with Gov. Evers' "Safer At Home" order?

So far we've got a line out to Speaker Vos' office but wanted to gauge others lawmakers' availability if he's unavailable.

The interview is live, tomorrow Weds. 3/25, from 4:00 – 4:15 pm CT, so just about 12 minutes on air.

And we'd be happy to do it over any good landline Sen. Stroebel has in a quiet spot.

Thanks so much!

Rachael Vasquez

510-926-9879
Producer, *Central Time*
Wisconsin Public Radio

From: "Sen.Stroebe" <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 3:01 PM

Subject: Statement on Governor Evers' Executive Order

For Immediate Release

March 24, 2020

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Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:27 AM
To: John Wirth
Subject: RE: Newsletter Pricing

Thanks John, we will have it to you by then. Stay healthy!

From: John Wirth [john@digitaledgecc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Re: Newsletter Pricing

Hi Lucas-

Yes, providing we receive print ready files as discussed by Thursday/Friday we have it scheduled to mail no later than April 14th.

Thanks-

John Wirth
Digital Edge Copy and Print Center
Office - 262.375.0500
Cell Phone - 262.305.8483
E-Mail - john@digitaledgecc.com

On Tue, Mar 24, 2020 at 11:12 AM Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:
Hi John,

Our in-house graphic designers have something put together that we are reviewing now. I wanted to follow-up such we hadn't talked about timing for a while. We had previously talked about getting you something on Thursday or Friday, do you still anticipate being able to print this mailing and having it to the post office by April 14th if we get you something on Thursday or Friday?

Thanks.

Luke

From: John Wirth [john@digitaledgecc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 12:32 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Re: Newsletter Pricing

Unfortunately I really can't commit to postal rates, that piece of it is out of my control.

John Wirth
Digital Edge, Grafton
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On Tue, Mar 10, 2020, 12:27 PM Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Thanks John, I think you were about 16.5 cents a piece for postage last time, is that the case again this time.

Luke

From: John Wirth <john@digitaledgecc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Newsletter Pricing

Lucas

We can do the project for \$10,111.00. This includes printing and mail prep but does not include the postage.

Please let me know.

Thanks

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On Mon, Mar 9, 2020, 4:53 PM Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Thanks John! For reference the state price on printing was \$8,170.75 and the postage and handling was \$16,498.64.

Have a good night and thanks for taking another look at this.

Luke

From: John Wirth <john@digitaledgecc.com>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 4:28 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Newsletter Pricing

Lucas-

I'll have an answer for you tomorrow morning regarding price adjustments.

Thanks!

John Wirth

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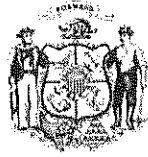
Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: FW: Press Release Template and list
Attachments: press list.xlsx; 03.23.20 COVID-19 Press Release.docx

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:14 PM
To: Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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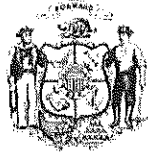
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From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:04 AM
To: Soper, John
Subject: Issues to highlight re: new order from Evers

What has changed since Friday when Governor Evers indicated he did not anticipate a Shelter in Place order?

When will we get back to normal?

- How long will these measures be in place?
- If we cannot anticipate a time when these measures can be lifted what other benchmark

What factors did the Governor consider as he balanced other concerns and mitigating the spread of COVID-19?

Will state parks and other facilities be closed as a result of this shelter in place order?

How will the shelter in place order impact the election in April?

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Fuller, Lucas

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Taylor, Chad
Subject: FW: Illinois Issues "Shelter in Place" Order with Exception for "Essential Businesses"

From: Duey Stroebel <DStroebel@terrace-realty.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Illinois Issues "Shelter in Place" Order with Exception for "Essential Businesses"

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From: Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren <info@reinhartlaw.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 23, 2020 at 10:15 AM
Subject: Illinois Issues "Shelter in Place" Order with Exception for "Essential Businesses"
To: <dstroebel@terrace-realty.com>

Illinois issued a shelter in place order in an effort to contain COVID-19. The order currently extends through April 7, 2020.

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From: Soper, John
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey; Fuller, Lucas; Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: New Orders

Court System put out orders last night suspending in person court appearances unless teleconferences unavailable thru at least April 30. All jury trials scheduled prior to May 22 rescheduled. www.wicourts.gov

Evers put out two more orders Sunday.

- 1) DPI - Suspended 4 administrative rules.
 - a) Requirements on requesting waivers for instructional hours
 - b) 4K grant timelines
 - c) School Choice Submissions
 - d) Student Teacher classroom requirements
- 2) PSC - at Request of PSC Chair
 - a) Suspending late fees
 - b) Removing deposit requirements for new or reconnecting service
 - c) Make deferred payment agreements available to non-residential customers
 - d) suspend disconnections

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Kyle Christianson
Subject: New Judges

Kyle,

If you hear from any members they are being/were coerced in anyway vis a vie TAD/Drug courts to get one if the new judges I want to hear about it.

Thanks.

John

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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:47 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: DRAFT Press Release

Duey,

I know this is pending developments from the 1pm Caucus and 1:30 Press conference, but I wanted to get a draft reviewed so we can start work on structure, tone and direction should you still want to put out a statement this afternoon. Call me with thoughts before the 1pm CAucus

In response to Governor Evers's press conference announcing the imminent "Safer at Home" order further restricting personal and business activity, Senator Stroebel issued the following statement:

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I am concerned about the pending de facto shelter-in-place order and its effects on Wisconsin. Over the past week I have witnessed Wisconsinites responsibly limit their personal activities, observe prevention measures and alter business practices to provide maximum prevention while allowing some semblance of our economy to continue. This new forthcoming order appears to be a reversal of the Governor's own statements just a few days ago.

How great is the danger is there in fewer than ten retail employees fulfilling online orders while maintaining social distancing? What is the risk of transmission in family businesses conducting non-face to face commerce when those entrepreneurs only share workspace with the same people with whom they live? The economic consequences to these small businesses will be very serious, up to bankruptcy for some if this continues for any extended time. I encourage the Governor to consider, and in some cases reconsider, all the costs before ordering Wisconsin implement further measures unprecedented in living memory.

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Stroebe, Duey
Subject: FW: Ohio EO

From: Romportl, Dan
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Rettinger, Nik; Mugnaini, Jason; Lonergan, Sandy; Ponio, Jerry; Summerfield, Craig; Mikalsen, Mike; Esser, Jennifer; Zantow, Jenna; Prange, Katy; Lakin, Tim; Henkel, Matt; Soper, John; Kelly, Scott; Duerkop, Nathan; Emerson, James; Gibbs, Adam; Fiocchi, Tim; Koenen, Kyle
Subject: Ohio EO

Chiefs,

FYI – here is Ohio’s EO that defines essential vs non-essential businesses:

<https://htv-prod-media.s3.amazonaws.com/files/stayathomeorder-1584906494.pdf>

-Dan

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: FW: WI Health Care Leaders Urge the Public to Abide by "Safer at Home" Order for COVID-19
Attachments: Statement - Health Care supports Safer at Home Order - 03.23.20.pdf

From: O'Brien, Kyle [kobrien@wha.org]
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:35 PM
To: O'Brien, Kyle
Cc: Borgerding, Eric
Subject: WI Health Care Leaders Urge the Public to Abide by "Safer at Home" Order for COVID-19



IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 23, 2020

Contact: Mark Grapentine, Wisconsin Hospital Association – Communications@wha.org | 608.575.2514 (c)

WI Health Care Leaders Urge the Public to Abide by "Safer at Home" Order for COVID-19

With the pace of COVID-19 infection rising rapidly in Wisconsin, the state's leading health care organizations are urging the public to take all steps available to reduce the rate of spread of COVID-19 cases, including abiding by Governor Tony Evers' order taking effect Tuesday to stay at home.

Wisconsin's hospitals, health systems, physicians, nurses, clinics, health centers, nursing homes and long-term care facilities strongly support the 'Safer at Home' order Governor Evers announced today. We must do this to keep our health care system from becoming overwhelmed, and to protect both the public and essential health care workers who are necessary to take care of the critically ill.

We understand the ramifications of a "Safer at Home" order for Wisconsin businesses, their employees and families. These are very difficult decisions that affect many of our own families and friends and we hope it can be over as soon and as safely as possible. But the continued rise of COVID-19 cases in Wisconsin, now in part due to community spread, necessitates more dramatic action that we believe will help us get through this challenge even faster.

"Safer at Home" must allow essential health workers and health-supporting industries – including all those supporting and providing care and critical supply chain in hospitals, clinics, health centers, nursing homes, long-term care facilities,

blood banks and many others – to continue helping our hospitalized patients and the frail elderly. We look forward to working with Governor Evers to clarify these important details before the order takes effect.

When implemented, we urge Wisconsin citizens to follow the Governor’s order – it is now the best thing the public can do help us get past this pandemic as quickly as possible, help keep health care workers healthy and providing care and support, and manage the precious resources they need to take care of patients and their own health.

Our doctors, nurses and staff stay on the job for you, so please stay home for them.

The above statement can be attributed to the following:

Eric Borgerding
President and CEO
Wisconsin Hospital Association

Stephanie Harrison
CEO
Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association

Tim Size
Executive Director
Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative

Clyde “Bud” Chumbley, MD
CEO
Wisconsin Medical Society

John Sauer
President and CEO
LeadingAge Wisconsin

John J. Vander Meer
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Wisconsin Center for Assisted Living

Gina Dennik-Champion
Executive Director
Wisconsin Nurses Association

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Final Check - Press Release

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From: Soper, John
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:38 AM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Preemptive DRAFT

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From: Soper, John
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To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: RE: Preemptive DRAFT

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From: Soper, John
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: First Thoughts? - Short Response

Duey,

Obviously everything subject to change as we see the specifics of the order. This is meant to be a concise hit on the excepted ordering of an open-ended shutdown of society.

We cannot shutdown life forever. Governor Evers's new shelter-in-place order does not have an end date or transparent, objective metrics to predict when restrictions would loosen. An endless shutdown will be ruinous to Wisconsin small businesses, our economy and our quality of life. Both President Trump and New York Governor Cuomo have spoken publicly about having a plan to return to work. We should be doing the same to give Wisconsinites some predictability and a light at the end of the tunnel.

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From: Soper, John
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Time attack updated for Order specifics

Thoughts?

We cannot shutdown life forever. While Governor Evers's new shelter-in-place order does have an end date of April 24, we should have transparent, objective metrics that are informing the policy decisions. This 30 day order is significantly longer than all other Midwestern states, whose orders ranged from 12 to 20 days. If Governor Evers's new order was based only on the science, why is Wisconsin the outlier in the length of its restrictions?

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From: Soper, John
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Fuller, Lucas; Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: Explanatory E-Update

The underlines will be hyperlinks to your press release and the order, respectively.

Friends,

As you likely know, Governor Evers issued a new order restricting movement and commerce in an attempt to limit the spread of COVID-19. I have been critical of the order. However, this email is solely explain the new order to limit any confusion or disruption.

Here is a link to Governor Evers's new 'Safer at Home' order. It takes effect tomorrow morning at 8am and lasts 30 days until Friday April 24th unless rescinded or altered by the Governor. It is 16 pages long and contains many specific language regarding activities and occupations exempted from the provisions. I encourage you to read the document. My office is open to answer questions as best we can.

What will NOT change tomorrow?

- Most restrictions that were in place from last week are retained. If you work in one of the businesses previously closed, you are likely still closed.
- You are still allowed outside for health and recreation provided you maintain social distancing and avoid closed facilities.
- You can still leave your home to purchase essential goods and to travel to work at essential businesses.
- Local law enforcement is still empowered to enforce all provisions of the order.
- Schools will remain closed to everything but virtual learning.
- 6 feet of social distancing in all settings outside your home continues to be observed whenever possible

What does change tomorrow?

- People are ordered to remain in their domicile except for essential business and life needs as outlined in the order.
- The 10 person rule on social gatherings is gone and replaced with no social gatherings inside or outside the home other than provided for by an exemption.
- Travelling is restricted to purposes authorized in the order.
- Guidance is provided that religious worship and services are allowed as gatherings with limitations.
- A new batch of businesses are declared essential.

Do I work in an essential business?

- It appears all businesses covered in last week's exemptions remain.
- Generally, the following fields are all deemed essential: healthcare, human/social services, infrastructure, utilities, law enforcement/public protection, grocery stores, pharmacies, hardware stores, household goods stores, food and beverage production/transport, agriculture, restaurants and bars with restrictions, child care, non-profit charitable services organizations, religious facilities, building trades, supply chain, transportation, manufacturing and hotels with restrictions.
- The list of exempted industries and occupations is too long for me to list here. The above categories and others are broken out in greater detail as well. Please check the order first for specific questions.

This order is subject to change by the governor. He has emergency powers under his declaration until May 11th. My office remains open to provide any answers and guidance we can.

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From: Soper, John
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: FINAL Press Release Text

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: E-Update Text

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From: Soper, John
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:20 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: New Virus Theory

<https://www.ft.com/content/5ff6469a-6dd8-11ea-89df-41bea055720b?segmentId=b385c2ad-87ed-d8ff-aaec-0f8435cd42d9>

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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:09 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: FW: Shelter in Place Orders
Attachments: COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place Orders (State-by-State Comparison).xlsx

Here's a spreadsheet on 4 nearby states' orders. The midwest governors issued very similar orders.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Radcliffe, Mark" <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 3/24/20 8:40 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Soper, John" <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Shelter in Place Orders

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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:28 AM
To: Cosh, Bill
Subject: FW: Providing Veterinary Care Following the Safer at Home Order

I was impressed you had enough influence to keep all the vets in business...

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection" <datcp@service.govdelivery.com>
Date: 3/25/20 8:11 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Soper, John" <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Providing Veterinary Care Following the Safer at Home Order



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Gov. Tony Evers on March 24 directed the state Department of Health Services (DHS) to issue the "Safer at Home" order to slow the spread of COVID-19 throughout Wisconsin. Under the order, veterinary care is considered an *essential service*, and clinics are encouraged to remain open and comply with social distancing requirements, making reasonable efforts to maintain 6 feet between all customers and staff.

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The VEB understands these are exceptional times, and that the health of our animals and the public are our primary focus. We encourage you to be medically responsible during this time, and to provide the necessary services. Be sure to accurately document all treatment, including the circumstances of any deviation for standard protocol in your records.

Not being available to provide these services to your clients may result in animal welfare issues, as emergency clinics without existing VCPRs will be unable to provide services using telemedicine and may struggle to accommodate the influx of new patients.

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From: Soper, John
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Cosh, Bill
Subject: RE: Providing Veterinary Care Following the Safer at Home Order

I'm coming in today, need to fend off a Politifact.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Cosh, Bill" <Bill.Cosh@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 3/25/20 8:29 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Soper, John" <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Providing Veterinary Care Following the Safer at Home Order

Thanks!

How are you doing? Are you at the Capitol or working from home?

I have to come in a little later this morning to turn in some bill jackets.

Take care.

Bill

From: Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:44 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: DRAFT Politifact Response

Duey,

See below and call with your thoughts. I went with as short as possible while providing the relevant quotes from the Executive Order.

Eric,

Senator Stroebel has 8 children that range from ages 14 to 29. Three live at home. Five do not and have their own residences. There are three provisions of Emergency Order 12 that would prohibit the gathering referenced in the tweet from happening today: Sections 1, 3 and 5.

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To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: FINAL Politfact Response

New language highlighted...

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:40 AM
To: 'Litke, Eric'
Subject: Politifact Response

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From: Litke, Eric <elitke@jrn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: PolitiFact question

Someone else, Mark I believe, reached out as well. Somewhere in that 11-1 range is fine.

Thanks

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From: Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:24 AM
To: Litke, Eric <elitke@jrn.com>
Subject: RE: PolitiFact question

Eric,

I am about leave for the office and just saw your email. I will have our response to you by 11am. Is that sufficient for your timeline?

John Soper
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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: "Sen.Stroebel" <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Subject: FW: PolitiFact question

From: Litke, Eric <elitke@jrn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:16 AM
To: Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: PolitiFact question

Saw this tweet: <https://twitter.com/senstroebel/status/1242594544908038145?s=21>

We're looking to do a fact-check on this. Can you point me to where in the executive order it would ban immediate family members? Hopefully we can connect early Wednesday.

Thanks

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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:04 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Fuller, Lucas; Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: 1st Draft Election Op-Ed
Attachments: April Election Joint Op-Ed.docx

Everyone take a look. Once we're happy with a product I will send it to the Wirch office for any changes they want.

John

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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:05 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: Updated Op-Ed Draft
Attachments: April Election Joint Op-Ed - 2nd Draft.docx

Take a look. I added the sentences highlighted in yellow from your call. I deleted one minor sentence to keep it under 50 words.

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From: Soper, John
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:01 PM
To: McGuire, Paula
Cc: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Op-Ed Draft
Attachments: April Election Joint Op-Ed.docx

Paula,

Attached is the proposed Op-Ed on the April election. Please look it over and share it with Bob. Let us know if you are uncomfortable with any language and want any changes. As soon as we have agreed upon text Luke is ready to get as broad of newspaper circulation as we can. Email or call with anything.

John Soper
262-339-6792

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We represent different parts of Wisconsin in the State Senate and hold competing views on a variety of issues, yet we both agree that functioning democracies do not move regularly scheduled elections in ad hoc fashion. This is especially the case when changes to election law would affect an imminent or currently occurring election. We are a country of rules. Every person, including children, instinctively know fair games don't have rules changed in the middle of the competition. The perception, rightly or wrongly, that any such changes are motivated by perceived partisan advantage is another reason to be very wary.

Wisconsin held a statewide election for Governor in November 1918, near the peak of the Spanish Flu pandemic that killed tens of millions worldwide. We held elections during the Civil War and both World Wars. We do this because elections are peaceful transfers of power and the greatest opportunity to impact government for the average citizen. Regular elections are a symbol of both the strength of our civil institutions and ability to come together under the most trying of circumstances.

The COVID-19 situation does mean we need to be smart and take extra precautions. We encourage anyone who is concerned to vote absentee or early. We also encourage local election officials to maximize the opportunity for absentee voting, both in-person and by mail, for their communities across the state. Municipal workers sidelined from normal duties for health concerns could be reassigned to help with administrative support for clerks. Wisconsin has an elections system that is strong and tested. Though this election will be more challenging than most, we can persevere. Over 500,000 absentee ballots were requested by March 24, putting this election on pace to rival the 2016 presidential election total of 819,000.

As the chair and ranking member of the Government Operations Committee we frequently see how important it is for people to roll up their sleeves and perform the vital functions of government in a bipartisan way. A majority of the votes of our committee this Session were unanimous because there are times we need to stand together to make government work. The timely selection of leaders is as essential to our state as any endeavor. We cannot have courts and local governments all over the state with vacancies when current terms expire. Polling locations were recognized as such in the recent emergency order. Wisconsinites should pull together to hold our annual spring election at its normal time. In doing so, we honor those who sacrificed more than most of us ever will to give us the right to hold these elections.

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:10 PM
To: McGuire, Paula
Subject: Still happening?

Paula,

Has the Governor's absentee ballot position changed Bob's mind about a joint piece?

John Soper

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:54 PM
To: McGuire, Paula
Subject: RE: Still happening?

Ok, thanks for the attempt. I'd like the record to show Evers is stopping bipartisanship ;-)

From: McGuire, Paula
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:52 PM
To: Soper, John
Subject: RE: Still happening?

Bob doesn't want to op ed now

From: Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:10 PM
To: McGuire, Paula <Paula.McGuire@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Still happening?

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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:55 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Fuller, Lucas; Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: Wirch is out on Op-Ed

Wirch is out. We should rework it as a piece for distribution locally and online just from Duey's perspective. That will allow us to be stronger in the language

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: RE: Draft Response on Gov. Evers' Call for Mail-In Election

Add 2 lines.

- 1) mail in elections lack some voter fraud safeguards
- 2) Spanish Flu 1918 historical example

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Radcliffe, Mark" <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 3/27/20 3:33 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Soper, John" <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Draft Response on Gov. Evers' Call for Mail-In Election

ORIGINAL MESSAGE:

Hello,

In order to protect the safety of the people of Wisconsin I encourage you to immediately pass legislation to allow voters the opportunity to vote from home by sending an absentee ballot to every registered voter. In addition, allow absentee ballots postmarked the day of the election to be counted and extend the time period to give clerks extra time to count the influx of absentee ballots.

Doing this now will reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19 and ensure our election is handle efficiently and safely. Polling locations will be filled with voters and workers with the potential to spread the virus to every corner of our town, county and state.

Please do the responsible thing now.

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Regards,
Mike Komro

DRAFTED RESPONSE:

X,

Thank you for the message regarding Gov. Evers' call for legislative action to transform the April 7 election into a mail-in election.

Simply put, it is not logistically feasible to implement such a system 10 days prior to the election. I question the sincerity of the Governor's request, as he had not consulted legislative leadership prior to his announcement this afternoon. Moreover, he had not consulted the Wisconsin Elections Commission for advice on this strategy as of Tuesday (the day of his most recent media briefing on COVID-19 prior to this afternoon's briefing).

In looking to election experts in other states, it's simply not possible to implement the necessary equipment (e.g., high-speed scanners), resources, safeguards (e.g., protections against ballot harvesting), and systems to allow this arrangement to be implemented in time for the April 7 election, let alone the presidential election in November. The state of Washington is often held up as an archetype for mail-in election programs, but it has been widely reported that it took Washington elections officials six years to fully implement their existing process.

I will continue to encourage voters to request an absentee ballot online (requests have already exceeded record numbers), inquire about in-person absentee voting opportunities with their municipal clerks, and take the necessary precautions if they plan to vote in-person on Election Day.

Thank you again for your outreach.

Sincerely,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 4:11 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Fuller, Lucas; Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: New, Spicier Draft of 4/7 Op-Ed
Attachments: April Election Joint Op-Ed.docx

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Democracies do not move regularly scheduled elections in ad hoc fashion. This is especially the case when changes to election law would affect an already occurring election. As of March 27th over 767,000 people had already requested absentee ballots. Exhibit one that the process is working... we are on pace to well surpass the 845,000 absentee ballots requested in the 2016 presidential election. We are a country of rules. More ballots have been requested than there were total votes cast in the 2017 spring election. The most recent two spring election turnouts of approximately 1 million and 1.2 million are well within sight. The numbers do not show some great mass of voters without the opportunity to vote.

Wisconsin carrying on through adversity is nothing new. We held a statewide election for Governor in November 1918, near the peak of the Spanish Flu pandemic that killed tens of millions worldwide. We held elections during the Civil War and both World Wars. We do this because elections are peaceful transfers of power and the greatest opportunity to impact government for the average citizen. Regular elections are a symbol of both the strength of our civil institutions and ability to come together under the most trying of circumstances. Every person, including children, instinctively know fair games don't have rules changed in the middle of the competition. The perception that proposed changes are motivated by partisan advantage is another reason to be very wary.

The COVID-19 situation does mean we need to be smart and take extra precautions. Of course anyone who is concerned to vote should do so through the absentee process. Local election officials should maximize the opportunity for absentee voting for their communities. Municipal workers sidelined from normal duties for health concerns could be reassigned to help with administrative support for clerks. I have heard of local leaders coming up with some Wisconsin has an elections system that is strong and tested.

The timely selection of leaders is as essential to our state as any endeavor. We cannot have courts and local governments all over the state with vacancies when current terms expire. Polling locations were recognized as such in the "Safer at Home" order. Wisconsinites should pull together to hold our annual spring election at its normal time. In doing so, we honor those who sacrificed more than most of us ever will to give us the right to hold these elections.

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 3:18 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: FW: ALERT! Evers proposes \$800 million package to address COVID-19 pandemic

Importance: High

See Romportl explanation below...

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Romportl, Dan" <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Subject: FW: ALERT! Evers proposes \$800 million package to address COVID-19 pandemic

Chiefs,

Just for clarification, this "bill" was a wish-list from the Evers administration shared with legislative leadership one week ago. It was released yesterday by the Governor's office as part of an open records request fulfillment.

The draft contained many non-starters – for example:

- multiple sum-sufficient agency budgets, one of which would last in perpetuity, which would be impossible to fund under our general fund's current projected balance
- an extension of Gov. Evers emergency powers, even though we are still in the early days of the pandemic and do not know what the environment will be like weeks from now
- various election administration changes, asked for while the Democratic Party and their allies simultaneously filed four separate lawsuits seeking to overturn current election-related statutes

Also, the "bill", now a week old, included policy asks that have since been addressed through Executive Order edicts, such as the landlord provisions and the flexibilities sought to recruit more retired and out-of-state health care workers.

Finally, now that the feds have acted and are sending the Executive Branch nearly \$2 billion to spend on the coronavirus response, many of the fiscal asks contained within the proposal are no longer relevant.

Moving forward, we intend to develop legislation incorporating ideas from caucus members and reasonable policy asks from the Executive Branch, to present to the full caucus for feedback this coming week.

For further clarification, please don't hesitate to give me a call. I just wanted to provide some context to this as some outlets are presenting this "bill" as "breaking news", and/or a negotiated "deal," both of which are inaccurate.

Thanks,
Dan

From: WisPolitics-Publishing <info@wispolitics.com>

Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:26 PM

To: WisPolitics Notification Services <WisPolitics-Notifications@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: ALERT! Evers proposes \$800 million package to address COVID-19 pandemic



WisPolitics Alert -- 28 March 2020

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From WisPolitics.com ...

-- Gov. Tony Evers is asking for more than \$800 million to address the COVID-19 pandemic in a sweeping bill that would also halt enforcement of voter ID, ban evictions, and prevent the layoffs of school employees during a public health emergency.

The proposal, which the Evers administration released late Saturday, also would give the Department of Health Services unlimited spending and position authority during a public health emergency.

GOP legislative leaders indicated in a letter earlier today the "current general fund balance can't support" the proposal.

They also urged the Evers administration to move quickly to use the state's share of an estimated \$2.3 billion coming to Wisconsin as part of the federal relief package to buy needed personal protection equipment.

The proposal also calls for a host of provisions to address the impact on state residents amid a ban on nonessential travel and an order that has forced many businesses to close.

Along with suspending the voter ID requirement during a public health emergency, the bill calls for allowing voting by mail and a longer window to register online. The bill also calls for pushing back the deadline for receipt of an absentee ballot. It would have to be postmarked by Election Day rather than received by 8 p.m. on Election Day as currently required.

The bill also would allow the Department of Administration to print absentee ballots for local governments.

The biggest pieces of the package include: up to \$300 million for the Department of Military Affairs; up to \$200 million for the Department of Administration; \$100 million to expand programs for the working poor; and \$100 million in grants to health care providers.

The package also would provide local governments with a 1 percent increase in aids for 2020, a boost of about \$7.5 million.

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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 7:05 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: RE: New, Spicier Draft of 4/7 Op-Ed

Yes

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Fuller, Lucas" <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 3/29/20 7:01 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Soper, John" <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: New, Spicier Draft of 4/7 Op-Ed

This is the final version right? I'll send it to MacIver tonight and hit up talk radio as well.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2020, at 4:11 PM, Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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<April Election Joint Op-Ed.docx>

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: FW: Letter for Discussion on Today's Caucus
Attachments: Letter to Secretary Palm on COVID.docx

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: "Koenen, Kyle" <Kyle.Koenen@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Subject: Letter for Discussion on Today's Caucus

Chiefs,

My boss asked that we send this draft letter around to your bosses before today's call. Thank you and sorry for getting it to you right before. Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Kyle

Dear Secretary-designee Palm,

We first want to thank you and your staff for the hard work over the past few weeks in light of the current international crisis.

We are reaching out to request a conference call with you as events and concurrent government actions continue to unfold. In the midst of efforts to contain the spread of the virus, there are also related negative impacts on the broader public health that are also taking place.

There are four specific areas we would like to talk through with you:

1. The length of the stay-at-home order
2. Flexibility of restrictions with regards to infection rates within each county
3. Testing availability and turn around time
4. Proposed ventilator purchase

Since the order was issued on last Tuesday, we have received extensive feedback around each of these points. We know this is an unprecedented and developing situation where difficult decisions are having to be made. We are requesting this discussion in the interest of cooperation. It is imperative that we prioritize communication and increase access to data that informs key decision-making.

We know we all share the same goal of slowing the spread and getting Wisconsin safely back to work. Thank you for your attention to this matter, we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Senator Chris Kapenga
33rd Senate District

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: FW: Letter to DHS Secretary-Designee Palm - COVID-19
Attachments: Letter to DHS Secretary Designee Palm - COVID-19.pdf

Importance: High

John Soper
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From: Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 5:08 PM
To: Palm, Andrea J - DHS <andrea.palm@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Gau, Maggie M - GOV <maggie.gau@wisconsin.gov>; Olson, Lisa A - DHS <lisaa.olson@dhs.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Letter to DHS Secretary-Designee Palm - COVID-19
Importance: High

Dear Secretary-Designee Palm,

Please see attached the following letter from members of the Wisconsin Senate regarding the coronavirus pandemic.

Sincerely,

Chris Kapenga
State Senator
33rd Senate District



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P. O. Box 7882 Madison, WI 53707-7882

March 30, 2020

Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm
Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Secretary-Designee Palm,

We first want to thank you and your staff for the hard work over the past few weeks in light of the current international crisis.

As events and concurrent government actions continue to unfold, we are respectfully requesting a conference call with you this week at your convenience.

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24th Senate District

Senator Tom Tiffany
12th Senate District

Senator Van Wanggaard
21st Senate District

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: FW: Absentee Ballots by County
Attachments: 3.27.20 Number of Voters Data.xlsx

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From: Prange, Katy <Katy.Prange@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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To: Duerkop, Nathan <Nathan.Duerkop@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mugnaini, Jason <Jason.Mugnaini@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Gibbs, Adam <Adam.Gibbs@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Ponio, Jerry <Jerry.Ponio@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Lakin, Tim <Tim.Lakin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Romportl, Dan <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Rettinger, Nik <Nik.Rettinger@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Koenen, Kyle <Kyle.Koenen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Lonergan, Sandy <Sandy.Lonergan@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Summerfield, Craig <Craig.Summerfield@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Prange, Katy <Katy.Prange@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Mikalsen, Mike <Mike.Mikalsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Zantow, Jenna <Jenna.Zantow@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Fiocchi, Tim <Tim.Fiocchi@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Henkel, Matt <Matt.Henkel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Emerson, James <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Esser, Jennifer <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Kelly, Scott <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Hienz, Peter <Peter.Hienz@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Williams, Vincent <Vincent.Williams@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Absentee Ballots by County

Hello Friends –

Peter Hienz has been maintaining this spreadsheet for us – and I thought I would share.

We have been measuring the Absentee Ballot numbers against 2012, which was the last time there was only one contested presidential primary on the ballot. The total vote number statewide for that election was 1,144,351.

With 972,232 ballot requests to clerks as of this morning and two days to go – we are pretty darn close.

I will share this as we update it the next two days. We do not have it drilled down to municipality – sorry.

Let me know if you have questions.

Katy Prange
Chief of Staff
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Madison, WI 53707
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County	2012 Presidential Primary Votes	2016 Presidential Primary Votes	2020 Presidential Primary Ballots	2020 Presidential Primary Ballots
			Requested (as of 3/31 7:30am)	Returned (as of 3/31 7:30am)
ADAMS	3,539	7,028	2,269	836
ASHLAND	3,112	5,925	1,820	655
BARRON	7,796	14,591	4,732	1,679
BAYFIELD	3,974	7,202	2,787	972
BROWN	43,189	90,085	39,108	10,579
BUFFALO	2,697	4,785	1,387	512
BURNETT	2,461	5,142	1,305	291
CALUMET	10,671	18,714	8,093	1,292
CHIPPEWA	10,137	21,991	8,598	3,573
CLARK	5,846	9,676	1,706	515
COLUMBIA	10,451	21,890	9,942	4,308
CRAWFORD	2,805	5,435	1,687	607
DANE	99,964	234,147	148,219	48,394
DODGE	16,713	30,778	12,560	5,292
DOOR	7,031	13,889	5,680	1,815
DOUGLAS	6,779	14,896	5,172	1,602
DUNN	6,494	14,234	5,211	1,624
EAU CLAIRE	19,449	39,599	17,215	6,744
FLORENCE	842	1,693	540	203
FOND DU LAC	21,043	36,206	14,120	5,475
FOREST	1,714	3,287	1,000	356
GRANT	7,410	16,215	5,466	1,633
GREEN	6,625	14,160	5,269	1,917
GREEN LAKE	3,657	6,737	2,318	1,111
IOWA	4,830	9,532	4,203	1,361
IRON	1,268	2,584	1,403	481
JACKSON	3,298	6,618	1,511	378
JEFFERSON	15,934	30,566	13,173	4,934
JUNEAU	3,817	7,994	1,906	375
KENOSHA	28,475	52,145	22,442	7,162
KEWAUNEE	4,007	8,271	2,462	860
LA CROSSE	21,389	44,077	19,582	7,901
LAFAYETTE	3,126	5,521	1,801	677
LANGLADE	3,745	7,616	1,588	649
LINCOLN	5,783	10,405	3,117	985
MANITOWOC	15,913	29,144	11,579	5,125
MARATHON	24,655	49,793	17,188	6,662
MARINETTE	7,592	14,554	5,378	2,177
MARQUETTE	2,523	5,948	1,402	497
MENOMINEE	238	741	92	51
MILWAUKEE	158,712	308,553	155,298	40,505
MONROE	7,413	13,764	3,805	1,169
OCONTO	6,951	14,351	4,110	1,325

ONEIDA	9,459	15,342	5,561	1,270
OUTAGAMIE	34,670	65,815	30,665	8,870
OZAUKEE	24,919	41,675	22,677	10,270
PEPIN	1,502	2,336	771	100
PIERCE	5,389	12,591	4,047	993
POLK	7,030	12,362	3,768	845
PORTAGE	14,073	27,251	10,343	4,148
PRICE	3,743	5,508	1,588	286
RACINE	35,666	65,573	32,457	13,060
RICHLAND	3,527	6,314	1,711	475
ROCK	28,626	53,525	22,960	6,826
RUSK	3,189	5,186	1,131	237
ST. CROIX	17,544	27,755	10,475	2,593
SAUK	11,758	22,919	11,280	4,636
SAWYER	3,068	6,421	1,936	461
SHAWANO	7,685	14,460	4,292	1,774
SHEBOYGAN	22,628	42,585	19,656	8,016
TAYLOR	3,553	6,669	1,676	663
TREMPEALEAU	4,449	9,296	2,186	664
VERNON	4,664	10,573	2,328	475
VILAS	5,435	9,840	3,727	1,632
WALWORTH	19,145	35,855	16,610	7,085
WASHBURN	3,361	6,388	1,747	499
WASHINGTON	32,221	54,925	30,933	14,600
WAUKESHA	93,284	175,098	99,253	44,708
WAUPACA	9,429	17,560	6,493	2,167
WAUSHARA	4,011	8,379	2,638	894
WINNEBAGO	34,568	63,554	30,326	9,468
WOOD	15,438	27,307	10,753	4,589
TOTAL	1,088,102	2,113,544	972,232	337,563

Elections Commission

Reported Total	1,144,351	2,113,544
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*Source - WI Elections Commission

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58.48%	30.72%	21.05%	11.05%
60.70%	32.43%	21.54%	11.51%
70.13%	38.70%	24.46%	13.50%
90.55%	43.41%	24.49%	11.74%
51.43%	28.99%	18.98%	10.70%
53.03%	25.38%	11.82%	5.66%
75.84%	43.25%	12.11%	6.90%
84.82%	39.10%	35.25%	16.25%
29.18%	17.63%	8.81%	5.32%
95.13%	45.42%	41.22%	19.68%
60.14%	31.04%	21.64%	11.17%
148.27%	63.30%	48.41%	20.67%
75.15%	40.81%	31.66%	17.19%
80.79%	40.90%	25.81%	13.07%
76.29%	34.72%	23.63%	10.75%
80.24%	36.61%	25.01%	11.41%
88.51%	43.47%	34.68%	17.03%
64.13%	31.90%	24.11%	11.99%
67.10%	39.00%	26.02%	15.12%
58.34%	30.42%	20.77%	10.83%
73.77%	33.71%	22.04%	10.07%
79.53%	37.21%	28.94%	13.54%
63.39%	34.41%	30.38%	16.49%
87.02%	44.09%	28.18%	14.28%
110.65%	54.30%	37.93%	18.61%
45.82%	22.83%	11.46%	5.71%
82.67%	43.10%	30.97%	16.14%
49.93%	23.84%	9.82%	4.69%
78.81%	43.04%	25.15%	13.73%
61.44%	29.77%	21.46%	10.40%
91.55%	44.43%	36.94%	17.93%
57.61%	32.62%	21.66%	12.26%
42.40%	20.85%	17.33%	8.52%
53.90%	29.96%	17.03%	9.47%
72.76%	39.73%	32.21%	17.59%
69.71%	34.52%	27.02%	13.38%
70.84%	36.95%	28.67%	14.96%
55.57%	23.57%	19.70%	8.36%
38.66%	12.42%	21.43%	6.88%
97.85%	50.33%	25.52%	13.13%
51.33%	27.64%	15.77%	8.49%
59.13%	28.64%	19.06%	9.23%

58.79%	36.25%	13.43%	8.28%
88.45%	46.59%	25.58%	13.48%
91.00%	54.41%	41.21%	24.64%
51.33%	33.01%	6.66%	4.28%
75.10%	32.14%	18.43%	7.89%
53.60%	30.48%	12.02%	6.84%
73.50%	37.95%	29.47%	15.22%
42.43%	28.83%	7.64%	5.19%
91.00%	49.50%	36.62%	19.92%
48.51%	27.10%	13.47%	7.52%
80.21%	42.90%	23.85%	12.75%
35.47%	21.81%	7.43%	4.57%
59.71%	37.74%	14.78%	9.34%
95.93%	49.22%	39.43%	20.23%
63.10%	30.15%	15.03%	7.18%
55.85%	29.68%	23.08%	12.27%
86.87%	46.16%	35.43%	18.82%
47.17%	25.13%	18.66%	9.94%
49.13%	23.52%	14.92%	7.14%
49.91%	22.02%	10.18%	4.49%
68.57%	37.88%	30.03%	16.59%
86.76%	46.33%	37.01%	19.76%
51.98%	27.35%	14.85%	7.81%
96.00%	56.32%	45.31%	26.58%
106.40%	56.68%	47.93%	25.53%
68.86%	36.98%	22.98%	12.34%
65.77%	31.48%	22.29%	10.67%
87.73%	47.72%	27.39%	14.90%
69.65%	39.38%	29.73%	16.81%
89.35%	46.00%	31.02%	15.97%

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: Info Requests for call

Timeline of announcements

Emergency Declaration - March 12

School Closure - March 13

50 or more person ban – March 16

10 or more person ban – March 17

"Safer at Home" - March 24

Prediction of 440 to 1500 dead by April 7 in press conference – March 24

Evers calls for mass mailing of Absentee Ballots – March 27

Evers puts out \$700 million+ package via open records request – March 28th PM

As we are currently at 14 deaths, it would take increasing the death toll by anywhere from 314% to 1071% to achieve. To reach 1500 the total number dead would have to double every day from today for an entire week to meet the prediction.

Evers saying waiting "weeks and weeks" doesn't help serve state residents in the "best way possible."

- Evers knew before anyone in Legislature about his emergency order timeline, how are we supposed to respond before we know his requests
- His proposal only came out because of open records request. If it was a rush he could have announced at any press conference.
- Legislative changes are law and cannot be fixed via 'errata' like so many Evers unclear orders, must be done right
- We have a more public process that requires persuasion of colleagues to get votes and open debate in a public forum... unlike his dictates

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From: Soper, John
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas; Radcliffe, Mark; Stroebel, Duey
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19
Attachments: WI DHS_OHI COVID Model description.pdf

Gentlemen,

Assuming part of the goal is to get concrete answers and pin down the DHS-Designee on the metrics where we can apply public pressure on her to loosen the restrictions, we probably need a deposition style line of questions. I suggest something like this if Kap willing to do it. For a line of questions like this to work, DHS can't have the exact wording/order of questions ahead of time.

- 1) At the press conference March 24th on Safer at Home, you indicated your modeling predicted between 440 and 1500 WI deaths by April 7th. In response to senate colleagues DHS produced the attached modeling information. Under that model it was predicted we would be at 100-350 deaths by April 1st. As of the 2pm update on April 1st we are at 24 deaths... only about 10% of the middle of the range of expected deaths. Is 440-1500 still your best estimate for April 8th?
- 2) If there is a new estimate, what is it? What modeling or fact changes were reviewed to get this new number?
- 3) Are you aware that the Imperial College model from England that was referenced early in the crisis has had death rates predictions decreased by a factors of 25 last week. <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/imperial-college-scientist-who-predicted-500k-coronavirus-deaths-in-uk-revises-to-20k-or-lesshttps://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/imperial-college-scientist-who-predicted-500k-coronavirus-deaths-in-uk-revises-to-20k-or-less>
- 4) Is the advice DHS gives to Governor Evers about the measures to be taken based upon the risk analysis of the modeling?
- 5) How far short of your original and/or new death predictions will the actual death total need to be for DHS to recommend alterations to the Safer at Home order?
- 6) (If obfuscation from 4/5) If you do not have a falsifiable premise that can be tested as results come in, how is this policy science or metrics based?
- 7) Is it the opinion of DHS that the Governor has the authority to call another emergency on COVID-19 after the 60 day current emergency declaration ends? Is there a metric you will commit to now that would justify the action if you believe the authority exists.

John

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Cc: Soper, John
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Looks like they now have some of the age breakdown info that Duey wants.

From: Fuller, Lucas

Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 2:10 PM

To: Radcliffe, Mark

Cc: Soper, John

Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Hi guys,

I texted Kyle and it sounds like they have not received many questions from other offices for the Friday call with Palm and DHS. On a separate email thread Duey offered the below direction:

My biggest questions would center around what expert(s) they base their predictions upon and asking them to attempt to provide a more detailed analysis of the statistics - not just a cumulative total of who has gotten it. Maybe a daily trend line of confirmed cases vs tests, data on deaths i.e. how many people had underlying issues contributing to the death, age, etc., etc.

I think we can put together the positive test % by day with what MacIver has, so I can do that already, but I've tried to formulate the other issues into questions below and also added a few others. Let me know if you have thoughts and we can run these by Duey and then submit them to Kapenga.

Which models and experts are we relying upon to project Wisconsin's future scenarios?

Are there standards for how deaths are being counted in Wisconsin? For example, if you die of pneumonia and have tested positive for COVID-19 is that individual counted in death total DHS is reporting and is that process standard across Wisconsin?

Can data about those individuals in the death count be added to the DHS website. For example, Michigan includes a breakdown by age for both positive tests and death. For deaths, it would also be useful to have data about what underlying conditions they may have had.

Do we expect deaths and hospitalizations to peak at the same time in different parts of Wisconsin. Looking at the current distribution of cases by county it seems like Milwaukee County is growing much faster than Washburn County for example?

What metrics is the Evers administration using to evaluate when you should lift the restrictions on public gatherings and businesses?

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Duey Stroebel
Cc: Soper, John; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

FYI.

Just received this update from Kapenga's office. He was able to arrange a call with Sec.-designee Palm for Friday at 11:00 AM in response to the letter that was sent out yesterday. His office will be fielding questions and compiling a list of any specific points that the caucus members might want to have DHS and Andrea Palm address. Sounds like the best way to forward those items is to text Kapenga directly before Friday (262-613-5719).

I will get it placed on the calendar.

From: Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Sen.Bernier <Sen.Bernier@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Cowles <Sen.Cowles@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Darling <Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Feyen <Sen.Feyen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Kooyenga <Sen.Kooyenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.LeMahieu <Sen.LeMahieu@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Marklein <Sen.Marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Nass <Sen.Nass@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Olsen <Sen.Olsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Petrowski <Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Roth <Sen.Roth@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebel <Sen.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19
Importance: High

Dear Caucus members,

Secretary-Designee Palm responded to our letter and has agreed to speak with us on **Friday at 11AM**. If that time works in your schedule, please notify my office so we can give them an idea of who will be on. This will be a zoom meeting or you can dial in to the conference call. The call information is at the bottom of this email.

These are the four specific subjects we plan to focus on:

1. The length of the stay-at-home order

2. Flexibility of restrictions with regards to infection rates within each county
3. Testing availability and turnaround time
4. Proposed ventilator purchase

If you have specific questions or points around these items please let me know prior to the call so I can ensure she knows what we are looking for beforehand. That will allow her to best prepare for the call. Due to the time limitations and the number of people who will likely be on, if you have something you would like to ask during the call please text me on my cell (262) 613-5719. That way I can keep a que similar to how we do it in committee or caucus. This is simply to ensure we maximize the productivity of the call and get as much information as possible.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions.

Chris

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dhs.wi.zoom.us/j/764596799>

Meeting ID: 764 596 799

If dialing in instead of using computer audio, please dial **1-312-626-6799** and enter code **764 596 799**

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Kelly, Scott; Duerkop, Nathan; Mugnaini, Jason; Gibbs, Adam; Ponio, Jerry; Lakin, Tim; Romportl, Dan; Rettinger, Nik; Koenen, Kyle; Lonergan, Sandy; Prange, Katy; Summerfield, Craig; Mikalsen, Mike; Zantow, Jenna; Fiocchi, Tim; Henkel, Matt; Soper, John; Emerson, James; Esser, Jennifer
Subject: RE: Van Bills

Did I miss where there was a Caucus decision on the 1 week unemployment delay?

Duey does not support that change. As almost all workers are paid biweekly there should not be any particular hardship in receiving two weeks of unemployment in week 2 on a single occasion. By the time any bill is an act the large majority of sudden quarantine unemployed will be past this procedural position, who is benefiting in reality?

Moreover, we have seen the delay be effective in preventing unjustified payments from UI fund (fraudulent, accidental, or disputed) since its enactment. Risk of fraud and mistake probably higher now than typical time because of confusion, panic and glut of filings. Besides undermining the good policy outside of emergency situations, line-item veto becomes a potential issue for any sunset or limiting language if we are going the omnibus route.

John

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Kelly, Scott" <Scott.Kelly@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 4/1/20 4:22 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Duerkop, Nathan" <Nathan.Duerkop@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Mugnaini, Jason" <Jason.Mugnaini@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Gibbs, Adam" <Adam.Gibbs@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Ponio, Jerry" <Jerry.Ponio@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Lakin, Tim" <Tim.Lakin@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Romportl, Dan" <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Rettinger, Nik" <Nik.Rettinger@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Koenen, Kyle" <Kyle.Koenen@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Lonergan, Sandy" <Sandy.Lonergan@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Prange, Katy" <Katy.Prange@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Summerfield, Craig" <Craig.Summerfield@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Mikalsen, Mike" <Mike.Mikalsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Zantow, Jenna" <Jenna.Zantow@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Fiocchi, Tim" <Tim.Fiocchi@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Henkel, Matt" <Matt.Henkel@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Soper, John" <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Emerson, James" <James.Emerson@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Esser, Jennifer" <Jennifer.Esser@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Van Bills

As the Senate drafts legislation in response to the Public Health Emergency, in addition to suspending the one-week waiting period, Van has two additional subjects that he is pushing for inclusion.

I have attached a bill draft that adds SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19) to the list of infectious diseases for which duty disability/death benefit can be claimed for first responders. You will note that the current list includes the original SARS, tuberculosis, various Hepatitis strains, HIV/AIDS, and others. Given the known lack of PPE for first responders, Van thinks this is a prudent move in line with previous legislation.

Also, in drafting, but not yet drafted, is a requirement that school districts fulfill their contract obligations with the regard to purchases. We've heard from a large bus company that a school district is not intending to pay their contract for the rest of the school year. Since school districts are funded through the state and have not had reduction in funds due to their closing, there should be no reason for them not to fulfill obligations. If they do not fulfill their obligations, it will cause a ripple effect through the economy, and the district will simply pocket the money. I will share that draft when I receive it.

Thanks

Scott

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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 4:28 PM
To: Ottman, Tad
Cc: Romportl, Dan
Subject: Rehired Annuitants in Critical Positions

Tad,

I see nothing in the LFB memo that indicates the double-dipping ends after the emergency. Duey does not want a 2 month long window for a complete/permanent exemption from the law. He suggests a return to current law on choosing to suspend one's annuity or work <2/3 time 90 days after the end of the emergency. That would mean time for catch-up work and HR decisions without using the emergency exemption to swallow the policy.

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From: Soper, John
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 4:43 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: Questions for DHS Call tomorrow

Duey,

Possible questions for Pam call. Kapenga will be moderating, and when you want to speak text him ~~the call~~ to get in the queue. He will call on Senators to speak. The ventilators question is one Kap's Chief asked someone to ask. If you are uncomfortable, let me know.

Metrics

Possible opening statement "Secretary Designee Pam, I want to open with my perspective so you understand where I am coming from as someone who built a business and is an entrepreneur. A government order to shut down a private firm for reasons other than wrongdoing of the firm is among the most serious things government can do. Its impacts are far reaching and there's no guarantee a business will be able to reopen 60 days later. Business owners don't get unemployment and are often personally liable for significant fixed costs that keep accruing even when closed. I want to know that, if mandated closures are necessary, they are as limited in scope and duration as possible. I appreciate you keeping this viewpoint in mind when weighing the cost/benefits of health policy."

- 1) Have the models DHS is using changed or been altered since other models, like the Imperial College model, have had major downward revisions in expected deaths?
- 2) Would you say so far we are tracking on the lower end of death range predicted?
- 3) What is the earliest date you are open to reexamining the current restrictions? What, if any, metrics would justify a loosening in your opinion?

Ventilators

- 1) The purchase of 10,000 ventilators seems very large. Given the hospitalization rate we have seen, is that justified at a price of \$35k a piece (\$350 million) above and beyond all existing ventilators in the state?

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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: RE: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

I'd take out the word "endless" in the first sentence of the Covid section. Otherwise looks good.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Fuller, Lucas" <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 4/3/20 9:09 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Stroebe, Duey" <Duey.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: "Radcliffe, Mark" <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Soper, John" <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Here's the draft of an E-Update for today. Let me know what you think.

[View this email in your browser](#)



Friends,

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve I wanted to share a few helpful links and details. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if you have questions about other

issues that are not addressed below. We can be reached by email or by phone at (608) 266-7513.

April 3 Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Earlier this week, a federal judge ruled that voters in Wisconsin have until 5:00 PM today to request an absentee ballot. Regardless of where you live in Wisconsin, you can request an absentee ballot here.

Many communities in our area are still offering early in-person voting as well. You can contact your local clerk to learn more about those opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who has participated or plans to participate in this election as a voter or poll worker.

Helpful Links on COVID-19

I know we all have endless questions about COVID-19 and the related issues we are facing. To help answer some of the most frequent questions my office has received I wanted to provide you links to a series of resources.

- [Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [The Wisconsin Department of Health Services - COVID-19 Web Page](#)
- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Business Resources Page](#)
- [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Essential Business Declaration Page](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control -Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Internal Revenue Service - Information on Economic Impact Payments](#)

Your local County Health Department is also a key resource if you believe you may have COVID-19. I applaud those working in the healthcare field that are not only working to treat those impacted by COVID-19, but to share timely information with the public.

Stay well,

Duey Stroebel



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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2020 11:11 AM
To: Fuller, Lucas; Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: RE: Please Make Changes to the Spring Election

For Perspective...

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From: Samm Posnanski [sposnans@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Sen.Stroebe
Cc: Fuller, Lucas; Radcliffe, Mark; Sikma, Brian; Soper, John
Subject: Please Make Changes to the Spring Election

Dear Sen. Stroebe,

Tuesday's election makes me fearful. I'm scared for my family, who have diabetes, asthma, and even a few who are currently on immunosuppressants. I'm scared for my neighbors, who'll go to the limited polling sites that haven't been closed, and will wait in close proximity and in long lines, with home-made masks on. I'm scared for our poll workers, my typically elderly neighbors that I see and say "Hi" to every election.

I'm scared for our democracy. Wisconsin is in the national news for all the wrong reasons right now. Our state is getting singled out for the lack of foresight and forward thinking that our state prides itself on. "Forward" is a pretty great motto, but for this, we didn't look forward and plan well enough in advance to ensure the principle right of all my neighbors is granted.

Please make changes to this election. Please make it so that people feel safe to do the most important thing they can do. Please make it safe for our voices to be heard.

Governor Evers didn't do enough. The State Legislature isn't doing enough. I'd rather hear you say, "Sorry we made you go through that," than "Sorry we didn't do enough."

Please do what's right and make significant changes to our election. Human lives are worth it. Wisconsin is worth it.

Samm Posnanski
Born and bred Wisconsinite

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2020 6:51 PM
To: Romportl, Dan
Subject: RE: LFB memo language - rehired annuitants in critical positions

Dan,

The way this reads to me, so long as you are hired during the emergency, you double dip forever. The exception to allow the choice to not suspend (i.e. still get) is allowed on two conditions. The two conditions to meet this exception don't expire even if no longer relevant. (6 years from now you were still hired during the emergency for a critical position).

With no sunset provision for post emergency it reads to me like a complete bypass of double dipping rules for anyone who happened to be hired in the window.

I'll work on language and reach out tomorrow.

John

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Romportl, Dan" <Dan.Romportl@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 4/5/20 3:48 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Soper, John" <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: LFB memo language - rehired annuitants in critical positions

Take a look and let me or Tad know what you think - this is from an initial draft of a LFB memo (not a LRB bill draft):

"Specify that a Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) participant who is hired by a participating employer during a public health emergency declared by the Governor may elect to not suspend his or her annuity for the duration of the public health emergency if: (a) at the time of terminating employment, the participant does not have an agreement with any participating employer to return to employment or enter into a contract to provide employee services; and (b) the position for which the annuitant is hired is a critical position. Further, specify that the current break-in-service requirement of 75 days would not apply to a participant who is hired for a critical position during the public health emergency if at least 15 days have elapsed between the termination of employment and becoming a participating employee. Require the head of each state agency and each local health department, based on guidance provided by the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, to determine which positions within the respective state agency or local government are critical when the Governor declares a public health emergency, for the purposes of administering the provisions applicable to rehired annuitants.

Under current law, any WRS participant who retires on or after July 2, 2013, must suspend their annuity and become a participating WRS employee if they are employed in covered employment, or enter into a contract with a WRS employer, and are expected to work at least two-thirds of what is considered full-time employment by the Department of Employee Trust Funds. Also under current law, any WRS participant who retires on or after July 2, 2013, has a break-in-service requirement of 75 days between termination of employment and becoming a participating employee with a WRS employer. This separation from WRS employment must occur for an individual who applied for an annuity or lump sum payment to continue to qualify for an annuity or to retain the lump sum payment."

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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Koenen, Kyle
Subject: Absentee #s

<https://elections.wi.gov/node/6817>

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From: Sen.Stroebe
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 11:35 AM
To: 'townofbelgium@frontier.com'; 'eryer@town.cedarburg.wi.us';
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Subject: Volunteering as Poll Worker

Ozaukee County Municipal Clerks,

I have heard from election officials and constituents about tomorrow's election on all sides of the issue. I have publicly indicated my belief that we should not move the election. After reading the news over the weekend of the National Guard being mobilized to help as poll workers, I believe it is critical that I also step up to fill in where I can. As a resident of the Town of Cedarburg, I am legally allowed to be a poll worker at any Ozaukee County location.

Please reach out to my office if you believe I can be of assistance as a volunteer. Thank you for your service in this trying time.

Duey Stroebe

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From: Sen.StroebeI
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 11:42 AM
To: 'office@town.fredonia.wi.us'
Subject: Volunteering as Poll Worker

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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 11:56 AM
To: 'Michael McFadzen'
Subject: RE: Wisconsin Primary Election

Mike,

I would be happy to chat with you about the issue. There are a large number of legal and logistical issues with moving any election after it starts. Wisconsin elections are basically 6 weeks long events now.

Besides those issues, moving elections is a problematic idea. Vacancies in key judicial and local positions is not a good thing. Both parties encouraged voters to request an absentee ballot if they were nervous about voting in person, and absentee ballot requests indicate a likelihood this election will be one of the highest spring election turnouts ever. More absentee ballots have been requested than total votes have ever been cast in a spring election except for the 2011 act 10 frenzy and 2016 where both parties had contested presidential primaries still open. Those numbers are before any in person voting. It is likely this will be the 2nd or 3rd highest turnout spring election ever.

Venturing in public for any reason has some risk, but Ducey would argue that being in public 15 minutes to vote is at least as essential as the vast majority of exceptions to the current order issued by the Governor.

It is difficult in these scary times to look at risks objectively, and reasonable people can disagree about the best course, but please be assured that Ducey's position was not taken lightly. After seeing the National guard called up to help as poll workers, Ducey has reached out to local clerks to volunteer himself.

Feel free to call anytime. I am in the office today, this Thursday and Tue/Thu the next two weeks. I can also be reached on my cellphone if you prefer. Email me to request that number.

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From: Michael McFadzen <mcfadzen@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 11:13 AM
Subject: Wisconsin Primary Election

Greetings-

I'm very disappointed in the decision the legislature made in regards to Wisconsin's election. Even President Trump and others have been saying there should be no gatherings of 10 or more people. It doesn't make sense to hold the election on Tuesday when we may be at the height of Covid 19 community spread.

To subject the citizens of Wisconsin to this risk is unconscionable when the election could be delayed or done via mail. I'm starting to lose my confidence in the Republican Party. Putting politics over common sense in the Covid era is reprehensible and dangerous.

Michael and Karen McFadzen

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2020 7:03 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: FW: Wheeler Report - 04/06/20 - #4

Supreme Court adds postmark requirement, although votes can be received until the 13th.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: The-Wheeler-Report <wheeler@thewheelerreport.com>
Date: 4/6/20 6:54 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: Wheeler Reports <Wheeler-Reports@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Wheeler Report - 04/06/20 - #4



Monday, April 6, 2020 - #4

SCOTUS RULES ON ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The Supreme Court of the United States ruled “in order to be counted in this election a voter’s absentee ballot must be either 1.) postmarked by election day April 7, 2020 and received by April 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m., or 2.) hand-delivered as provided under state law by April 7, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.”

Decision.

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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 9:32 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: RE: Election Response (as of April 3, 2020)

Mark,

Check these changes... After reviewing lets send to Duey. I would blast the final response to every unanswered election email we can find today.

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I am volunteering as a poll worker on election day because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

Courts granted extra time to request and receive absentee ballots for this election and the request total is a new record by a large margin. The polls will be open and practicing social distancing, protective gear and sanitizing soap or gel. I view ensuring the functioning of our democratic republic as equally or more essential than most of the exceptions outlined in the 'Safer at Home' order.

While I understand we are faced with unique circumstances that require additional precautions to be taken, I believe it's important to ensure the continuity of government and avoid vacancies in our judiciary and local governments. Our robust election system has stood up to trying circumstances in the past, with examples including the Civil War, the peak of the 1918 Spanish Flu, and two World Wars.

Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Soper, John
Subject: Election Response (as of April 3, 2020)

X,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules of the game (election law) should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. Moreover, it's not logistically feasible to transform an ongoing election to an "all-mail" election in a matter of three months. Keep in mind, it took six years for the state of Washington (which is often held up as the archetype for all-mail elections) to fully implement its existing system. Election experts in other states have asserted that it's simply not possible to implement the necessary equipment, materials, and safeguards to allow an election to be carried out with integrity over the timespan proposed by Gov. Evers, let alone in time for the November election.

While many are questioning the capacity or willingness of local clerks to make the necessary accommodations to protect

the health and safety of voters who must vote in-person on April 7, I have been contacted by several clerks and local governments in my district who have given me the assurance that they are up to the task. Keep in mind, a record number of absentee ballot requests have been submitted, and I encouraged voters to take advantage of absentee voting options before the respective deadlines for absentee ballot requests and early voting arrived.

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Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebe

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 2:45 AM
To: Hafenbreadl, Evan
Subject: You're Famous

https://madison.com/ct/news/local/govt-and-politics/update-voter-turnout-ticks-up-as-unusual-election-day-in-madison-continues/article_bb3350e1-5f67-5d49-87a1-6f3b929eba91.html

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: RE: Modified "Universal" Response for Future Inquiries on April 7 Election

Take a look at this... only a couple changes. Given the magnitude of this issue the length doesn't bother me

X,

Thanks for the message. I don't believe the rules (election law) of the game should be changed in the middle of a competition (an already occurring election), especially when postponing the election to a later date will not guarantee that the same risks will no longer be present on the ground. The attempt to change the election date by executive order was unconstitutional and regrettable as the rule of law is at its utmost importance when choosing our leaders. I served as a poll worker in the City of Cedarburg because I believe orderly elections are of paramount importance.

Wisconsin's election system is administered in a decentralized fashion. In light of the 2,400 Army National Guard members that were activated, trained, and assigned to the municipalities to rectify the shortage in poll workers throughout the state, there is not a good excuse for dramatically reduced polling locations. I don't believe the leadership in cities like Green Bay (69 of 71 polling locations closed), Milwaukee (175 of 180 polling locations closed), and Waukesha (14 of 15 polling locations closed) have anyone to blame but themselves for failing to adopt and execute an adequate contingency plan. For reference, the City of Madison had 66 of its 93 polling locations open throughout Election Day. Moreover, Wisconsin's most populous municipalities offered an extended period of in-person absentee voting, and voters throughout the state had several weeks to request mailed absentee ballots in light of the risks presented by COVID-19. Even after encumbering the voters in his jurisdiction by preemptively closing 175 of the City's 180 polling locations, Milwaukee's Election Commissioner indicated he was "100 percent confident that you are safer than when you go into a grocery store."

Courts granted extra time to request and receive absentee ballots for this election and the request total is a new record by a large margin. The polls were open and practicing social distancing, utilizing protective gear, sanitizing throughout the day, **and making additional accommodations for individual voters who needed them.**

While I understand we are faced with unique circumstances that require additional precautions to be taken, I believe it's important to ensure the continuity of government and avoid vacancies in our judiciary and local governments. I view ensuring the functioning of our democratic republic as equally or more essential than most of the exceptions outlined in the 'Safer at Home' order. Our robust election system has stood up to trying circumstances in the past, with examples including the Civil War, the peak of the 1918 Spanish Flu, and two World Wars.

Thank you again for the message,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: RE: Draft Letter to Gene Bodwin on COVID-19 Lockdown

Changes underlined

DRAFTED RESPONSE:

[Letterhead Art]

Gene,

Thank you for your letter. While we can all agree some temporary precautions and restrictive measures should be followed to contain the spread of the coronavirus and avoid overwhelming our health care system, I share your concerns with both the immediate and long-term economic ramifications of the government-imposed shutdown. Prior to the issuance of the Evers administration's "Safer at Home" order, I was given many reasons to believe our business community and Wisconsin citizens were effectively self-regulating and could be entrusted to continue to comply with the public health guidelines that have now been in place for several weeks.

Unfortunately, the "Safer at Home" order has left very little breathing room for personal care businesses. The Evers administration has indicated that "all hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, day spas, electrolysis providers, waxing salons, eyebrow-care establishments, tattoo parlors, body art establishments and tanning facilities must close" until the order expires. The Governor's power to place these restrictions without legislative oversight ends in May.

On March 27, the Evers administration issued of an emergency order (Emergency Order #15) prohibiting evictions for failure to pay rent for 60 days (beginning March 27, 2020), but rent will continue to accrue during this period and become due and payable after June 1, according to Wisconsin Supreme Court guidance that was issued on April 2.

It's far from ideal, but I think the best strategy for small businesses who have been forced into lockdown is to connect with their municipality's chamber of commerce and/or county economic development agency. These local resources are probably the best starting point for small business owners to determine whether or not they are eligible for the targeted economic relief that was recently made available through the federal CARES Act.

As far as unemployment benefits, generally self-employed individuals have different eligibility. The state legislature will soon be convening to pass a number of changes in response to the CARES Act, including expanding eligibility to part-time, self-employed, and gig economy workers. We received an update from DWD last week that their UI Division was in the process of implementing the policy changes that did not require legislative action, so I would encourage you to revisit the UI application process if you have not done so already.

As a small business owner myself, I am sympathetic to your concerns about the ongoing lockdown. I have been working with my colleagues in the Senate Republican caucus to hold the Governor's office and the head of the Department of Health Services to account for their purported metric-driven strategy. Last week, we held a conference call with the head of DHS to press for more timeliness and transparency in their data reporting, in addition to setting forth our expectations for the preventative measures to become more narrowly tailored once we are given reason to believe Wisconsin is on the downward side of "the curve."

Thank you again for your candid outreach. I can assure you that the feedback I have been receiving from the employers in my district throughout the lockdown is not falling upon deaf ears.

Sincerely,

[Signed]

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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 9:44 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: RE: Draft Response to Adam Monticelli on Re-Opening Schools

Way too much...

Duey agrees we need to reopen the schools for the sake of both children and parents who are rendered unable to earn a living. So far cases and deaths appear to be coming in below modeled expectations.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Radcliffe, Mark" <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 4/8/20 5:03 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Soper, John" <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Draft Response to Adam Monticelli on Re-Opening Schools

Hi John,

I borrowed quite a bit from the previous draft response to the Mequon hairstylist, so there's some overlap with this one. Let me know what you think once you have the chance to review. Thanks.

ORIGINAL MESSAGE:

Good morning Senator Stroebe,

First off I hope you and the family are well, second thank you and the other state representatives for taking a positive step in moving our state forward in defeating COVID-19. It means a great deal to all of us Wisconsinites.

I'm reaching out today in the hopes that we can send our children back to school once the "Safer at Home" initiative has expired on April 24th. As you know as a parent school means a lot to our children, the bonds that are created with teachers, the lifelong friendships, the impacts on mental health and most importantly their exposure to ever changing and challenging environments. This school year can't be lost for our children. They need their teachers, friends and coaches in their lives and the negative impact an extended summer could have on some children could very well be more destructive on their learning than we'll ever know.

Not all situations are the same and our great State of Wisconsin is a perfect example of that. It appears the numbers of infected are lowering and the Safer at Home initiative is working. We have 2 weeks left of staying isolated which should certainly help make those numbers even better.

Please seriously consider sending our children back to school starting April 27th 2020.

Thank you,

Adam Monticelli
N82W7061 Pine St
Cedarburg WI 53012

DRAFTED RESPONSE:

X,

Thank you for the message. While elected officials at all levels of government wish they could provide a date certain for a return to business as usual, there are still too many unknowns for such a determination to be made at this time. Despite the fact that the Governor's public health emergency declaration and the subsequent emergency orders are controlled by separate sections of the law, the Evers administration's authority to continue these restrictions without legislative oversight will end during the first half of May (barring an extension of the emergency declaration granted by the legislature).

Regardless of whether the April 24 sunset date on the "Safer at Home" order is extended by the Governor, I can assure you that I will be working with my colleagues in the Senate Republican caucus to hold the Evers administration to account for their purported metric-driven strategy. I believe the legislature must work to ensure the preventative measures in place are as narrowly tailored as possible once we are given reason to believe Wisconsin is on the downward side of "the curve."

I commend the school districts who readily adapted to the abrupt change in circumstances and promptly resumed instruction through remote means, but I understand the developments over the past several weeks have been disruptive for parents, schoolchildren, and teachers throughout the state. There are unfortunately still a lot of unknowns about the road ahead, but it would be my preference to see our schoolchildren safely return to the classroom prior to the close of the academic year.

Thank you again for the outreach.

Kind regards,

Sen. Duey Stroebel

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:30 PM
To: Sen.Craig
Subject: RE: CO-SPONSORSHIP: Letter to Gov. Evers on Outdoor Services

Sign Duey on

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From: Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:11 PM
To: *Legislative Assembly Republicans <AllAsmGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>; *Legislative Senate Republicans <AllSenGops@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: CO-SPONSORSHIP: Letter to Gov. Evers on Outdoor Services
Importance: High

TO: All Legislature Republicans
FROM: Senator David Craig
RE: Co-Sponsorship of Letter Requesting Clarifications to Outdoor Religious Services
DATE: Wednesday, April 9, 2020

SHORT DEADLINE: TODAY - Wednesday, April 9 at 1pm

Dear Colleagues,

Due to apparent inconsistencies in county implementation of emergency orders relating to religious services, I will be sending the attached letter to Governor Tony Evers and Secretary-designee Andrea Palm.

Please respond to this email by **1pm today** to be added to the letter as a signatory.

Best,

David Craig
State Senator
28th Senate District

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 12:38 PM
To: 'Jamie Soper'
Subject: Special COVID 19 message from Walter (Jeff Dunham)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eK5oAmESJIA>

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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Thoughts?

Luke,

What are your thoughts on this as a long press release? Besides attacking the off-base predictions, Duey wanted to start the dialogue on reopening the economy in a language liberals would understand... budget cuts to their sacred cows when we don't have the \$.

This Sunday will be one month since Governor Evers declared a public health emergency. The trajectory of cases and deaths in Wisconsin is many times lower than the initial projections upon which Governor Evers and Secretary-Designee Pam based their policies. As we enter this new phase of the COVID situation, I believe we need to both take a fresh look at old problems and start brainstorming solutions for new problems that have arisen.

Will we update our modeling to account for the deviations projections had from now observable facts? Every sickness and death is a tragedy, but so are businesses and livelihoods ruined by shelter in place orders. So are the large negative impacts on civil liberties and quality of life. Good policy making is a cost/benefit analysis. There continue to be benefits to health safety measures, but new data demands we run the analysis again.

Nationwide there are dramatic economic impacts of our anti-COVID activities. The coffers of Wisconsin will not be immune from the brakes being slammed on our economy. Besides being counterproductive, indefinite sheltering orders will eventually lead to civil disobedience. We need to begin planning an orderly method of reopening our civil life in stages to refresh our economy and liberties soon. Even under optimum restart conditions, tough decisions will need to be made about our state finances. Wisconsin can't print money like Washington DC can.

It is irresponsible to conceal the truth from Wisconsinites that we will likely not be able to live up to all the promises of the current state budget. I am not going to tell constituents, who are losing their businesses, getting laid off and seeing their nest eggs dip with the stock market to pay higher taxes so that state and local employees can avoid unpaid furloughs, or so that government programs can grow at twice the rate of inflation. We do not yet know what our fiscal challenges will look like in a few months, but these are challenges that will only get worse if we fail to reopen our society in a timely fashion.

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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Draft Press Release

Duey,

Take a look below.

This Sunday will be one month since Governor Evers declared a public health emergency. The trajectory of cases and deaths in Wisconsin is many times lower than the initial projections upon which Governor Evers and Secretary-Designee Palm based their policies. As we enter this new phase of the COVID-19 situation, I believe we need to both take a fresh look at old problems and start brainstorming solutions for new problems that have arisen.

Will we update our modeling to account for the deviations from initial projections now reflected in observable facts? Every sickness and death is a tragedy, but so are businesses and livelihoods ruined by shelter in place orders. The same rings true for the pronounced negative impacts on civil liberties and quality of life. Good policy making is a cost/benefit analysis. There continue to be benefits to health safety measures, but new data demands we run the analysis continuously.

Nationwide there are dramatic economic impacts from our COVID-19 prevention strategies. The coffers of Wisconsin will not be immune from the brakes being slammed on our economy. Besides being counterproductive, indefinite sheltering orders will eventually lead to civil disobedience. We need to begin planning an orderly method of reopening our civil life in stages to refresh our economy and liberties soon. Even under optimum restart conditions, tough decisions will need to be made about our state finances. States can't print money like the federal government can.

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Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Updated DRAFT Press Release

I shoved in as much data to the first paragraph as I could. I also specifically attacked the park closing at the end of paragraph 2. I don't know if this will fit in a one-page press release until Luke tries the formatting.

This Sunday will be one month since Governor Evers declared a public health emergency and according to one national modelⁱ, near the peak of COVID-19 growth in Wisconsin. This national model has revised down its predictions to a total of 424 Wisconsin deaths. A March 26th document from the Department of Health Services shows an expected positive test count of 22,000 by April 8th, with 440 – 1500 people already infected who would eventually die. The trajectory of cases and deaths in Wisconsin is many times lower than the initial projections upon which Governor Evers and Secretary-Designee Palm based their policies. With COVID-19 patients only taking up about 15% of all ICU beds in Wisconsin, with about 35% of ICU space still availableⁱⁱ, the concern of overwhelming our medical system is not as imminent or inevitable as it may have seemed previously.

As we enter this new phase of the COVID-19 response, I believe we need a fresh look reevaluate our policy choices. Every sickness and death is a tragedy, but so are businesses and livelihoods ruined by shelter in place orders. The same rings true for the pronounced negative impacts on civil liberties and quality of life. Good policy making is a cost/benefit analysis. There are benefits to health safety measures, but new data demands we rerun our analysis continuously. I doubt it made sense to close state parks on account of intermittent outdoor social distancing concerns given the real numbers.

Nationwide there are dramatic economic impacts from our COVID-19 prevention strategies. The coffers of Wisconsin will not be immune from the brakes being slammed on our economy. Besides being counterproductive, indefinite sheltering orders will eventually lead to civil disobedience. We need to begin planning an orderly method of reopening our civil life in stages to refresh our economy and liberties soon. Even under optimum restart conditions, tough decisions will need to be made about our state finances. States can't print money like the federal government can.

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ⁱ Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation model (<https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/wisconsin>)

ⁱⁱ according to the Wisconsin Hospitals Association dashboard <https://www.wha.org/COVID19Update>

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:46 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Press Release

Good to go. Send.

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark; Soper, John
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Press Release

Just cleaned up the file name

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:23 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Press Release

The draft is attached, along with the distribution list for Mark to send it once we are all set.

Soper, John

From: Soper, John
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Draft Op-Ed
Attachments: Draft COVID - Next Steps Op-Ed.docx

I took what Duey started with and aligned the changes to match what we updated in our Press Release. I have a couple verbs bolded/underlined so we can change the tense to what is appropriate given when we expect it to go public. Most of the press release is included in these 838 words.

It is worth noting that the overall arch of cases fits our description. The highest daily changes in dates/infections will be right around when this piece drops. We should expect criticisms we are again ignoring science/putting people at risk etc... particularly those who choose to blame the expected peak on the election occurring.

Everyone take a look.

John

Easter Sunday marks one month since Governor Evers declared a public health emergency. According to the prevailing IHME national model, we are right about at the peak of COVID-19 growth in Wisconsin. This national model has revised down its predictions to a total of 424 Wisconsin deaths by August 4th. The trajectory of cases and deaths in Wisconsin is many times lower than the initial projections upon which Governor Evers and Secretary-Designee Palm based their policies. In fact, on March 24, Secretary-Designee Palm warned that the state's current path would lead to 22,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases and up to 1,500 of those cases leading to deaths from our state population of 5.8 million. As of Friday the 10th, we just eclipsed 3,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 128 Wisconsinites have sadly lost their lives as a result of the virus.

Thanks to the sacrifices of our fellow Wisconsinites, the state has not suffered the type of outbreak Secretary-Designee Palm warned we would. Everyone should be celebrating this outcome. With COVID-19 patients only taking up about 13.3% of all ICU beds in Wisconsin, with about 29% of ICU space still available on April 10th, the concern of overwhelming our medical system is not as imminent or inevitable as it seemed previously. However, that means we must start planning for the next phase - a reopening of the state. As was recently asked of the President, I ask of the Governor, "what's the plan?" We recognize that returning to "normal" will not happen overnight, but the Governor must provide some leadership and explain the steps necessary to reignite our shared economy.

As we enter this new phase of the COVID-19 situation, I believe we need to both take a fresh look at old problems and start brainstorming solutions for new problems that have arisen. Unfortunately, the Governor is still focused on even further closing down society. Last Thursday he closed 40 state parks and threatened more. It's not hard to practice social distancing when walking through hundreds of acres of state land. If there truly were management issues, then deal with the problem, don't punish state residents. In addition, only because of the efforts of the Wisconsin Institute of Law & Liberty and my colleague Senator Dave Craig are Wisconsinites able to sit in church parking lots for Easter services. Instead of looking to close off more segments of society and the economy, the Governor should be working with legislators to begin loosening the state stranglehold.

Every sickness and death is a tragedy, but so are businesses and livelihoods ruined by shelter in place orders. The same rings true for the pronounced negative impacts on civil liberties and quality of life. Good policy making is a cost/benefit analysis. The entire basis for the orders was to prevent our health care system from being overrun. While there are benefits to health safety measures, new data demands we run the analysis continuously.

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On May 10 the Governor's Executive Order, which serves as the foundation for the DHS emergency orders, expires. It can only be extended by joint resolution of the Legislature. Instead of further constraining the economy and the state's residents, I implore the Governor to work with legislative leaders to identify the areas of the economy and society that can begin reopening while taking the necessary steps to continue protecting our most vulnerable and ensuring our health care system is not overwhelmed. That will likely require some tough decisions regarding events and gatherings we all enjoy. But an indefinite shelter order will not be extended. I trust my fellow Wisconsinites to take reasonable precautions to protect themselves, their families, and their neighbors. The Governor must have a plan to reignite this state no later than May 10. If he doesn't, the Legislature will.

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 5:24 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey; Fuller, Lucas
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark; Soper, John
Subject: RE: Tweets on COVID-19

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Soper, John
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 7:04 PM
To: Stroebel, Duey
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Press Release
Attachments: 04.10.20 Stroebel COVID-19 Statement.docx

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: "Fuller, Lucas" <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 4/10/20 11:24 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Radcliffe, Mark" <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Soper, John" <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Press Release

Just cleaned up the file name

From: Fuller, Lucas
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:23 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Press Release

The draft is attached, along with the distribution list for Mark to send it once we are all set.



DUEY STROEBEL

STATE SENATOR • 20TH DISTRICT

For Immediate Release

April 10, 2020

Time to Reevaluate our COVID-19 Policies in Wisconsin

Madison, WI – State Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Cedarburg) released the following statement on COVID-19 in Wisconsin.

“This Sunday will mark one month since Governor Evers declared a public health emergency, and according to the prevailing national model^[1], we will be near the peak of COVID-19 growth in Wisconsin. This national model has revised down its predictions to a total of 424 Wisconsin deaths by August 4th. A March 26th document from the Department of Health Services shows an expected positive test count of 22,000 by April 8th, with 440 – 1500 people already infected who would eventually die. The trajectory of cases and deaths in Wisconsin is many times lower than the initial projections upon which Governor Evers and Secretary-Designee Palm based their policies. With COVID-19 patients only taking up about 13.3% of all ICU beds in Wisconsin, with about 29% of ICU space still available^[2], the concern of overwhelming our medical system is not as imminent or inevitable as it may have seemed previously.”

“As we enter this new phase of the COVID-19 response, I believe we need a fresh look to reevaluate our policy choices. Every sickness and death is a tragedy, but so are businesses and livelihoods ruined by shelter in place orders. The same rings true for the pronounced negative impacts on civil liberties and quality of life. Good policymaking is a cost/benefit analysis. There are benefits to health safety measures, but new data demands we rerun our analysis continuously. I doubt it made sense to close state parks on account of intermittent outdoor social distancing concerns given the real numbers.”

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[1] Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation model (<https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/wisconsin>)

[2] According to the Wisconsin Hospitals Association dashboard <https://www.wha.org/COVID19Update>

Soper, John

From: Stroebel, Duey
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:59 PM
To: Soper, John; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Why I'm voting no on "Marsy's Law"

Would we be ok tweeting a link to this?

<https://wiconservativedigest.com/why-im-voting-no-on-marsys-law/>

Sent from my iPhone

Soper, John

From: Stroebel, Duey
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 8:49 AM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Re: Why I'm voting no on "Marsy's Law"

Ok. Please do it.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 24, 2020, at 8:39 AM, Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

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> I checked with Renk and we need to be careful to avoid directing people to vote for or against Marsy's Law but you can explain your past opposition.

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> So something like:

>

> .@MattBatzel does a good job outlining some of the reasons I opposed SJR 2 (Marsy's Law) this session:
> <https://wiconservativedigest.com/why-im-voting-no-on-marsys-law/>

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Soper, John

From: Stroebel, Duey
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:24 AM
To: larsendan1@wi.rr.com
Subject: Fwd: Landscaping Services under "Safer at Home" Emergency Order

My opinion is this is a mess. The analysis here is as official as it gets.

Thanks Duey

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Radcliffe, Mark" <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: March 25, 2020 at 10:20:36 AM CDT
To: "Stroebel, Duey" <Duey.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: "Soper, John" <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Fuller, Lucas" <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>
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Here's how WEDC's legal counsel has weighed in on how landscaping services are treated under the shelter in place order, at least for now. I'll let you know if we catch wind of any additional clarifications or changes.

Thanks,

Mark Radcliffe
Office of Sen. Duey Stroebel | Room 18 South
20th Senate District
Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov
608.266.7513

From: Justin Phillips <justin.phillips@wedc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Radcliffe, Mark <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Landscaping Services under "Safer at Home" Emergency Order

Mark,

Here is info that WEDC's legal has provided me – some of it has been piecemeal as we get additional information from companies in the industry.

Some of the services these companies provide- such as pesticide application and forestry and arborists - are covered under "critical trades" in section 13.n. of the order. The order under Section 10 considers construction, including home construction, to be "Essential Infrastructure," but please also know that it

goes on to say that "optional or aesthetic construction should be avoided." The pieces of the business that are construction are able to continue

Unfortunately, landscaping and lawn care do not fall under "critical trades" in this order and there is not any category in the order that would classify a landscaping or lawn care business as an "Essential Business or Operation".

That being said, all businesses are authorized to conduct "Minimum Basic Operations" under Section 14, which include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations: (a) the minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, preserve the condition of the business's physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions, including where these functions are outsourced to other entities and (b) the minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

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Soper, John

From: Stroebel, Duey
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 5:39 PM
To: Duey Stroebel
Subject: Fwd: 1st Draft Election Op-Ed
Attachments: April Election Joint Op-Ed.docx; ATT00001.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Soper, John" <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: March 26, 2020 at 2:03:35 PM CDT
To: "Stroebel, Duey" <Duey.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: "Fuller, Lucas" <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Radcliffe, Mark" <Mark.Radcliffe@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: 1st Draft Election Op-Ed

Everyone take a look. Once we're happy with a product I will send it to the Wirch office for any changes they want.

John

Wisconsin is dealing with the huge, unexpected disruption of the COVID-19 virus and the measures we are taking to combat it. We applaud everyone involved in keeping Wisconsinites healthy, keeping essential businesses running and keeping our stores stocked with critical goods. There is another essential event coming up soon that must not be cancelled or moved... the April 7th election.

We represent different parts of Wisconsin in the State Senate and hold strongly different views on a variety of issues, yet we both agree that functioning democracies do not move regularly scheduled elections in ad hoc fashion. This is especially the case when changes to election law would affect an imminent or currently occurring election. We are a country of rules. Every person, including children, instinctively know fair games don't have rules changed in the middle of the competition. The perception, rightly or wrongly, that any such changes are motivated by perceived partisan advantage is another reason to be very wary.

Wisconsin held a statewide election for Governor in November 1918, near the peak of the Spanish Flu pandemic that killed tens of millions worldwide. We held elections during the Civil War and both World Wars. We do this because elections are peaceful transfers of power and the single biggest way the average person impacts government. Regular elections are a symbol of both the strength of our civil institutions and ability to come together under the most trying of circumstances.

The COVID-19 situation does mean we need to be smart and take extra precautions. We encourage anyone who is concerned to vote absentee or early. We also encourage local election officials to maximize the opportunity for absentee voting, both in-person and by mail, for their communities across the state. Wisconsin has an elections system that is strong and tested. Though this election will be more challenging than most, we can persevere.

As the chair and ranking member of the Government Operations Committee we frequently see how important it is for people to roll up their sleeves and perform the vital functions of government in a bipartisan way. A majority of the votes of our committee this Session were unanimous because there are times we need to stand together to make government work. The timely selection of leaders is as essential to our state as any endeavor. Polling locations were recognized as such in the recent emergency order. Let's not waste time arguing or complaining that this election will be more difficult than usual. Wisconsinites should pull together to hold our annual spring election at its normal time. In doing so, we honor those who sacrificed more than most of us every will to give us the right to hold these elections.

Soper, John

From: Stroebel, Duey
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 6:58 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Re: Social Media Posts on the election op-ed and your radio with Vicki

Good.
Duey

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 30, 2020, at 3:31 PM, Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Duey,

Here's a few social media posts for the week whenever you have a chance to look at them. I would get the first one up today or tonight if you have a chance to look at them today.

Social Media Posts

Monday, March 30th

Elections are too important to cancel or postpone. Read more about why I think we should hold next week's election as planned on @MacIverWisc: <http://www.maciverinstitute.com/2020/03/the-election-must-go-on/>

Tuesday, March 31st

I'll be joining @VickiMcKenna at 2:07PM today to talk about why I support holding our election as scheduled next week.

<image001.png>

If you are trying to cast an in-person absentee ballot before the election on April 7 connect with your municipal clerk to find the hours for absentee voting in your community.

I'm about to join @VickiMcKenna to discuss why we should hold the election next week as planned. Listen Live: <https://www.iheart.com/live/wisn-4245/>

Wednesday, April 1st

I joined @VickiMcKenna yesterday to talk about why we should hold the election next week as planned. You can listen to the podcast here if you missed it: <https://www.iheart.com/live/wisn-4245/>

Thursday, April 2nd

You can still vote early in many communities. Contact your clerk to find the hours in your community. Thanks to innovators like @RichfieldWis that have offered drive through voting this week to help folks vote early.

Friday, April 3rd

ICYMI: I believe this election is important enough that we should hold it as scheduled on Tuesday. Read more here: <http://www.maciverinstitute.com/2020/03/the-election-must-go-on/>

Luke Fuller

Clerk, Senate Committee on Government Operations, Technology and Consumer Protection

Office of Sen. Duey Stroebel

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Soper, John

From: Stroebel, Duey
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 8:58 AM
To: Fuller, Lucas
Subject: Re: Example of Image for E-Update and Social Media

Something like this is good. We need more of the bad stuff from Evers Bill.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2020, at 3:32 PM, Fuller, Lucas <Lucas.Fuller@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hi Duey,

I think a side-by-side comparison of the Evers' proposal vs. the GOP bill would be a helpful resource. I think something like the below image can do that at a 20,000 foot level and let people know the important stuff is in both bills and the crazy stuff is what didn't make the cut for the GOP bill.

<image001.png>

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From: Stroebel, Duey
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Duey Stroebel
Subject: Fwd: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Sent from my iPhone

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There is a problem with that first question.

The last page of the model explains that the morbidity or death numbers are not as of those dates.

"Importantly, these projections describe the number of clinical cases (i.e. people who became symptomatic and presented in a clinical setting) by the set intervals (03/25, 04/01, and 04/08) projected to die from COVID-19, without further intervention. It does not represent the number of people projected to die from COVID-19 by the set intervals. "

The death numbers are anticipated deaths from the people that have it that date. So I believe they are doing a two step calculation. First, they are generating a total number of people with COVID-19 based on some model of exponential growth and then they are using a coefficient representing the death rate.

I would guess the rational for this is that it is easier to predict growth and there has been less certainty about how long it takes to kill people, although I believe the consensus now is that people are dying around 17 days after becoming symptomatic.

This explanation, whether it is fair or not, undercuts the line of questioning pretty effectively.

From: Soper, John
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Fuller, Lucas; Radcliffe, Mark; Stroebel, Duey
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Gentlemen,

Assuming part of the goal is to get concrete answers and pin down the DHS-Designee on the metrics where we can apply public pressure on her to loosen the restrictions, we probably need a deposition style line of questions. I suggest something like this if Kap willing to do it. For a line of questions like this to work, DHS can't have the exact wording/order of questions ahead of time.

1) At the press conference March 24th on Safer at Home, you indicated your modeling predicted between 440 and 1500 WI deaths by April 7th. In response to senate colleagues DHS produced the attached modeling information. Under that model it was predicted we would be at 100-350 deaths by April

1st. As of the 2pm update on April 1st we are at 24 deaths... only about 10% of the middle of the range of expected deaths. Is 440-1500 still your best estimate for April 8th?

2) If there is a new estimate, what is it? What modeling or fact changes were reviewed to get this new number?

3) Are you aware that the Imperial College model from England that was referenced early in the crisis has had death rates predictions decreased by a factors of 25 last week. <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/imperial-college-scientist-who-predicted-500k-coronavirus-deaths-in-uk-revises-to-20k-or-less><https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/imperial-college-scientist-who-predicted-500k-coronavirus-deaths-in-uk-revises-to-20k-or-less>

4) Is the advice DHS gives to Governor Evers about the measures to be taken based upon the risk analysis of the modeling?

5) How far short of your original and/or new death predictions will the actual death total need to be for DHS to recommend alterations to the Safer at Home order?

6) (If obfuscation from 4/5) If you do not have a falsifiable premise that can be tested as results come in, how is this policy science or metrics based?

7) Is it the opinion of DHS that the Governor has the authority to call another emergency on COVID-19 after the 60 day current emergency declaration ends? Is there a metric you will commit to now that would justify the action if you believe the authority exists.

John

From: Fuller, Lucas

Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 2:15 PM

To: Radcliffe, Mark

Cc: Soper, John

Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Looks like they now have some of the age breakdown info that Duey wants.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm><https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm>

From: Fuller, Lucas

Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 2:10 PM

To: Radcliffe, Mark

Cc: Soper, John

Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

Hi guys,

I texted Kyle and it sounds like they have not received many questions from other offices for the Friday call with Palm and DHS. On a separate email thread Duey offered the below direction:

My biggest questions would center around what expert(s) they base their predictions upon and asking them to attempt to provide a more detailed analysis of the statistics - not just a cumulative total of who has gotten

it. Maybe a daily trend line of confirmed cases vs tests, data on deaths i.e. how many people had underlying issues contributing to the death, age, etc., etc.

I think we can put together the positive test % by day with what MacIver has, so I can do that already, but I've tried to formulate the other issues into questions below and also added a few others. Let me know if you have thoughts and we can run these by Duey and then submit them to Kapenga.

Which models and experts are we relying upon to project Wisconsin's future scenarios?

Are there standards for how deaths are being counted in Wisconsin? For example, if you die of pneumonia and have tested positive for COVID-19 is that individual counted in death total DHS is reporting and is that process standard across Wisconsin?

Can data about those individuals in the death count be added to the DHS website. For example, Michigan includes a breakdown by age for both positive tests and death. For deaths, it would also be useful to have data about what underlying conditions they may have had.

Do we expect deaths and hospitalizations to peak at the same time in different parts of Wisconsin. Looking at the current distribution of cases by county it seems like Milwaukee County is growing much faster than Washburn County for example?

What metrics is the Evers administration using to evaluate when you should lift the restrictions on public gatherings and businesses?

From: Radcliffe, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Duey Stroebel
Cc: Soper, John; Fuller, Lucas
Subject: RE: Briefing call w/DHS Secretary-Designee Palm on COVID-19

FYI.

Just received this update from Kapenga's office. He was able to arrange a call with Sec.-designee Palm for Friday at 11:00 AM in response to the letter that was sent out yesterday. His office will be fielding questions and compiling a list of any specific points that the caucus members might want to have DHS and Andrea Palm address. Sounds like the best way to forward those items is to text Kapenga directly before Friday (262-613-5719).

I will get it placed on the calendar.

From: Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:58 PM

To: Sen.Bernier <Sen.Bernier@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Cowles <Sen.Cowles@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Craig <Sen.Craig@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Darling <Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Feyen <Sen.Feyen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Fitzgerald <Sen.Fitzgerald@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Jacque <Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Kapenga <Sen.Kapenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Kooyenga <Sen.Kooyenga@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.LeMahieu <Sen.LeMahieu@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Marklein <Sen.Marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Nass <Sen.Nass@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Olsen <Sen.Olsen@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Petrowski <Sen.Petrowski@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Roth <Sen.Roth@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Stroebe <Sen.Stroebe@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Testin <Sen.Testin@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Tiffany <Sen.Tiffany@legis.wisconsin.gov>; Sen.Wanggaard <Sen.Wanggaard@legis.wisconsin.gov>

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Importance: High

Dear Caucus members,

Secretary-Designee Palm responded to our letter and has agreed to speak with us on **Friday at 11AM**. If that time works in your schedule, please notify my office so we can give them an idea of who will be on. This will be a zoom meeting or you can dial in to the conference call. The call information is at the bottom of this email.

These are the four specific subjects we plan to focus on:

1. The length of the stay-at-home order
2. Flexibility of restrictions with regards to infection rates within each county
3. Testing availability and turnaround time
4. Proposed ventilator purchase

If you have specific questions or points around these items please let me know prior to the call so I can ensure she knows what we are looking for beforehand. That will allow her to best prepare for the call. Due to the time limitations and the number of people who will likely be on, if you have something you would like to ask during the call please text me on my cell (262) 613-5719. That way I can keep a queue similar to how we do it in committee or caucus. This is simply to ensure we maximize the productivity of the call and get as much information as possible.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions.

Chris

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://dhs.wi.zoom.us/j/764596799>

Meeting ID: 764 596 799

If dialing in instead of using computer audio, please dial **1-312-626-6799** and enter code **764 596 799**

Soper, John

From: Stroebel, Duey
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: Re: Last Day to Request Absentee Ballots

Ok

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Stroebel, Duey
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To: Radcliffe, Mark; Soper, John; Fuller, Lucas
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Soper, John

From: Stroebel, Duey
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To: Fuller, Lucas
Cc: Radcliffe, Mark; Soper, John
Subject: Re: Tweets on COVID-19

I will review this. We need something short and sweet comparing total Wisconsin population to : covid in hospital currently , in intensive care currently and died. Also covid in hospital currently vs total hospital beds in state (I think we have for covid in ICU vs total ICU). Any other interesting statistical analysis to make?? Any trends on WHA site worry of note?

Thanks Duey

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 5:25 PM
To: Soper, John
Cc: Fuller, Lucas; Radcliffe, Mark
Subject: Re: Tweets on COVID-19

What?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2020, at 5:24 PM, Soper, John <John.Soper@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

I have not seen any quantitative info on comorbidities anywhere

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Stroebel, Duey" <Duey.Stroebel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: 4/10/20 5:17 PM (GMT-06:00)
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How about?

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