BEFORE THE WISCONSIN GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

IN RE: PETITION FOR RECALL OF STATE SENATOR LUTHER OLSEN OF THE 14TH SENATE DISTRICT

PETITIONERS' REBUTTAL OF SENATOR OLSEN'S CHALLENGES TO PETITIONS

INTRODUCTION

On March 2, 2001 the Committee to Recall Olson ("the Committee") filed its Campaign Registration Statement, GAB-1. As required, a Statement of Intent of Circulate Recall Petition was appended to the GAB-1 form and executed by Ann Schmidt, a qualified elector and resident of State Senator Luther Olsen's Senate district. The GAB accepted these documents and established a May 2 due date by which properly executed petitions bearing the signatures of 14,733 of the district's qualified electors had to be submitted in order for the GAB to order the recall election sought by Olson's constituents.

On April 18, 2011, the Committee offered petitions bearing approximately 24,000 signatures for filing with the GAB, almost 10,000 more than required. Olson submitted purported challenges to the Committee's petitions.

Like Senators Kapanke and Hopper, Olson takes pot-shots at a small handful of signatures. This serves only to confirm that the recall effort has submitted thousands of

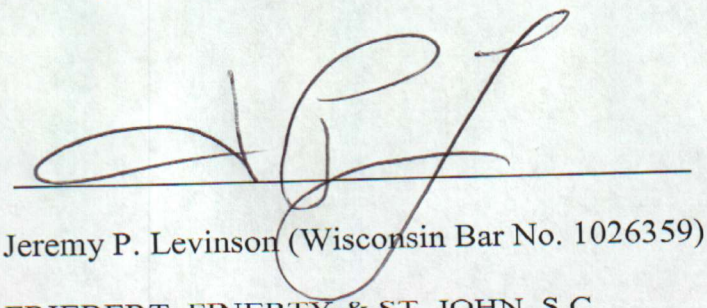
unchallenged and valid signatures above and beyond that required to trigger the election his constituents demand and to which they are entitled by Wisconsin's Constitution.

Second, Olson echoes Hopper and Kapanke's groundless procedural attack as Senator Kapanke, claiming that all petition signatures must be rejected because Ann Schmidt did not file a separate campaign finance registration statement. The argument should be rejected for the reasons set forth in the responses to the Kapanke and Hopper challenges and those authority and arguments are incorporated herein and though fully set forth. An additional observation is added to these arguments. Apart from the other defects in the argument that Ms. Schmidt was required to file a campaign finance registration statement, it should be observed that § 11.05(1) and (2) premise registration on a would-be registrant's acceptance of "contyributions" or making of "disbursements." These are statutorily defined terms. As in the Kapanke and Hopper matters, for obvious reasons, Olsen does not suggest that Ms. Schmidt engaged in either of these activities.

CONCLUSION

A recall election should be ordered for Wisconsin Senate's 14th District, currently held by Senator Luther Olson. As his challenge confirms, well more than the required number of signatures have been properly submitted.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of May, 2011.



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