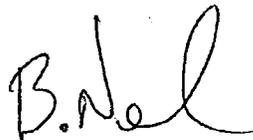


Memorandum For Wisconsin Government Accountability Board (GAB), 212 E. Washington Ave., Madison, WI 53707-7984

Subject: Response to Challenge to Nomination Candidate ID 105402

1. I have received the challenge to my nomination papers filed with the GAB by Jason Diedrichs. Mr Diedrichs references the date my Declaration of Candidacy was signed in comparison to Nomination Papers being circulated. It has no legal basis. Fear is the only basis for this challenge.
2. Wisconsin Statute 8.21 nor The GAB 168 instructions requires the Declaration of Candidacy (GAB-162) be filed or signed prior to circulating Nomination Papers. I hereby request the challenge be thrown out immediately.
3. If there were a requirement I'm confident the GAB would have informed me during the numerous contacts I had with the office. On May 18, 2012 I was in phone and email contact with Mr David Buerger of the GAB at least half a dozen times. I notified him that I was a candidate for Representative to the Assembly for the 25th District; in essence notifying GAB and declaring. With his help I corrected the header to the GAB 168 and filled out additional paperwork.
4. On May 22, 2012 I obtained my first signatures and sent a scan of them to the GAB. Mr. Buerger verified they were being signed correctly. At this time I was told, "so far, so good".
5. I continued to circulate GAB 168 and checking in with the GAB repeatedly. Ultimately I received more than 200 signatures in roughly 12 days. On June 1, 2012 when I prepared to drive down to Madison, Wisconsin to turn everything in I was unable to find my original Declaration of Candidacy.
6. Since there is no requirement that the declaration form be signed first I signed another one and met the requirement to turn one in by 5 PM June 1st.
7. Lastly I bring to the attention of the GAB and challenger Section II of the GAB Memo Dated June 8, 2012 which reads *"As a general rule, the policy of the former Elections Board and of the Government Accountability Board with respect to the nomination process has been to promote or facilitate candidate ballot access, not to find a justification for impeding that access, and the challenge procedure was applied in that spirit. As much as possible, the selection and elimination of candidates should be left to the electorate."*
8. It appears the challenger's candidate is concerned about defeating me in an election. The spirit of the GAB and Wisconsin law is to enable the electorate to decide who shall represent them.
9. I ask the GAB throw out this challenge before the June 8th meeting as frivolous. If this challenge is not going to be thrown out I will attend in person. At that time I'd like to point out Section 8.21 of WI Statue, present an earlier dated Declaration of Candidacy, email traffic, phone logs and other supporting documents.



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