

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

COMPLAINT FORM

Please provide the following information about yourself:

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**State of Wisconsin
Before the Elections Commission**

The Complaint of Michele Faye Denison

_____, Complainant(s) against
Vicki Shaw, Town of Hudson, Respondent, whose
address is 980 County Road A, Hudson WI 54016

This complaint is under 18 US Code 242 (Insert the applicable sections of law in chs. 5 to 10 and 12 and other laws relating to elections and election campaigns, other than laws relating to campaign financing)

I, Michele Faye Denison, allege that:

On the evening of January 4th 2020 I arrived at Hudson High School at approximately 5:45 to participate in the caucus for Town Of Hudson board members. Vicki Shaw would not permit the person at the register desk to allow me to sign the registration form unless I put on my mask. She was extremely rude, intimidating and aggressive. A more comprehensive description of what occurred is detailed on next page.

On January 4th 2021 I arrived at Hudson High School at approximately 5:45 pm. When I arrived I walked to the registration desk and gave the person at the desk my identification. At the time I was not wearing a mask. I do know that Wisconsin law does allow for an exemption for people with a medical issue, and they should not be asked to discuss their medical condition, nor need to defend it. Town of Hudson Clerk Vicki Shaw was next to the person who took my identification, *and Vicki very loudly and aggressively told that person NOT to allow me to register if I didn't put my mask on.* I put my mask on, as it was important to me to be able to exercise my right to vote. I walked into the room and removed my mask and another lady yelled at me from the registration desk to put my mask on or I would have to leave. I told her that it was not a law, and she repeated her threat. I put my mask on again and walked over to a table. My husband and son were also not wearing masks, and received similar harassment from the people at the registration desks. My husband did not know the names of any of the people checking them in. My son has a disability, which includes but is not limited to vocal cord paralysis, and my husband could see that the harassment by the people at the desk was making my son extremely anxious. He had to stand by my son so that he was not overly intimidated. They then walked over to the table to sit next to me. I had removed my mask at that point as it was difficult for me to breathe. Don Jordan began yelling towards our table that we had to put the masks on. I responded to him asking him if he knew that this was a deprivation of rights under the color of law. I could not hear his initial response, but I did hear him state that if anyone passed out they had paramedics standing by. He continued to threaten us, and then proceeded to go speak to the police officers as he appeared to be going to have us removed. We put our masks on in order to be able to exercise our constitutional right to vote. We did not wish to be deprived of this right. However I felt extremely threatened by the aggressive behavior of most of the employees of the Town of Hudson that evening who were actively working with voters.

Vicki Shaw in particular was very aggressive, threatening and rude to people who did not or were unable to comply with her orders to wear a mask. I could hear her speaking very loudly and in a derogatory manner to a gentlemen about people who did not want to wear a mask. Several people working for the Town of Hudson that night mentioned that the requirement for masks was due to a lawsuit that day. One person working that evening indicated that the judge had passed a law requiring the masks, so everyone "was on edge". I knew this could not be true, because I know a judge cannot pass a law, it has to come from the legislature. I also knew that the lawsuit that day had failed, although I didn't know the details of the case at that time. Therefore we were lied to by some employees that evening.

My understanding is that the Wisconsin Elections Commission does not require a mask to vote per the below link: [FAQs about Voting | Wisconsin Elections Commission](#) therefore we were acting in accordance with this knowledge. In addition our rights were violated under federal Department of Justice 18 US Code 242: [18 U.S. Code § 242 - Deprivation of rights under color of law | U.S. Code | US Law | LII / Legal Information Institute \(cornell.edu\)](#). That evening we were intimidated, harassed, threatened and treated with disdain when we were simply exercising our Constitutional rights in accordance with Wisconsin law. There was no regard for people with medical exemptions, except to say that we would be resuscitated if we were to pass out. I am extremely disturbed by this treatment to myself, my family and many other people who were there that evening.

(Set forth in detail the facts that establish probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred. Be as specific as possible as it relates to dates, times, and individuals involved. Also provide the names of individuals who may have information related to the complaint. Use as many separate pages as needed and attach copies of any supporting documentation.)

Date: 1-12-2020 Michele Denison
Complainant's Signature

I, Michele Denison, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above complaint, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.

Michele Denison
Complainant's Signature

STATE OF WISCONSIN

County of St Croix,
(county of notarization)

Sworn to before me this 12 day of

January, 20 21.

Katelyn Dunbar
(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)



My commission expires 8/10/2021 or is permanent.

Notary Public or _____
(official title if not notary)

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