



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Deb Kessen
N9246 Trout Lane
Birnamwood, WI 54414

Sent via USPS:

Re: Complaint Filed with Wisconsin Elections Commission
EL 21-26: Steven Steinke v. Deb Kessen

Dear Ms. Kessen:

Enclosed with this letter, please find a sworn Wisconsin Statute § 5.06 complaint filed with our office by Steven Steinke. The complaint pertains to an alleged violation of Wis. Stat. § 7.30(2)(a) relating to service as an election official while also being a candidate on the ballot.

As you may be aware, individuals that believe the actions of an election official were contrary to an election law or were an abuse of discretion in applying an election law may file a complaint with our office. To process this complaint, I ask that you provide a sworn written response to the complaint within 10 business days of receipt of this letter and complaint. Your response should address the allegations raised in the complaint.

After you file your response, the complainants will be afforded the opportunity to file a reply to your response within 10 business days of receipt of your response. Once all the allowable filings have been made, the Commission staff will review the information and draft a decision in consultation with the Commission Administrator. The Administrator will then consult with the Commission Chair and issue the decision, after permitting Commission members an opportunity to provide any feedback.

You may file your response via email addressed to james.witecha@wisconsin.gov so long as it is clear that the original document has been in fact sworn before an individual that can administer oaths, like a notary public. You may also file the response by regular mail to the address listed in the header above.

If you have any additional questions on this, please feel free to contact me at (608) 266-0136.

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