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**TO:** Wisconsin Municipal Clerks  
Wisconsin County Clerks  
City of Milwaukee Election Commission  
Milwaukee County Election Commission

**FROM:** Nathaniel E. Robinson  
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**SUBJECT:** Polling Place On-site Accessibility Compliance Reviews Resume

I am pleased to announce that the Government Accountability Board (G.A.B.) is resuming the Polling Place On-site Accessibility Compliance Review initiative beginning with the April 5 Spring Election.

The data collected through the 2009 Polling Place Accessibility Survey is now part of an online database from which we can monitor accessibility issues throughout the State. This database is the product of more than two years of effort with our partners in the disability community and will enhance our ability to assist you in determining whether your polling place is accessible.

G.A.B. staff will be visiting select municipalities for the purpose of conducting new surveys to determine that polling places comply with accessibility standards spelled-out in § 5.25(4)(a):

*Each polling place shall be accessible to all individuals with disabilities. The board shall ensure that the voting system used at each polling place will permit all individuals with disabilities to vote without the need for assistance and with the same degree of privacy that is accorded to nondisabled electors voting at the same polling place. This paragraph does not apply to any individual who is disqualified from voting under §. 6.03 (1) (a).*

Thank you for partnering with G.A.B. to ensure that voters with disabilities have the opportunity to vote privately and independently.

Should you have questions about accessibility compliance in-and-outside of the polling place environment, please contact Jo Futrell, our Elections Accessibility Specialist at (608) 261-2009, or at [Jo.Futrell@wi.gov](mailto:Jo.Futrell@wi.gov). Thank you!

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