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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 10, 2016

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

**FROM:** Michael Haas, Administrator  
Nathan Judnic, Staff Counsel

**SUBJECT: High Priority Communication: Affidavit Option Decision Stayed by Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals**

This morning the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals issued an order staying the decision of Federal District Judge Lynn Adelman, which directed the Wisconsin Elections Commission to implement an “affidavit option” exception to the voter ID law. The stay order means that while the appeal to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals is pending, the “affidavit option” will not be in effect for any future elections.

The Wisconsin Elections Commission is in consultation with our attorneys at the Wisconsin Department of Justice, and will continue to monitor this case closely. As our previous communication stated, we are also monitoring further court developments in the separate *One Wisconsin Institute* litigation, and will provide additional guidance regarding the implementation of that decision in the near future (see Clerk Communication of August 2, 2016).

If you have questions or and concerns related to today’s Court decision, please contact the Elections Commission HelpDesk at [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov) or at (608) 261-2028.