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TO: Wisconsin County Clerks
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SUBJECT: UPDATE: Important Information about the status
of the Statewide Supreme Court Race Recount Process

County and Municipal Clerks, in light of the revelation about the Waukesha County's elections results on Thursday, you may be wondering whether we continue to anticipate that a Statewide recount for the Supreme Court Race is still on. While that decision is one to be made by the candidates, our directive in the meantime is that our office and county clerks should continue to prepare for a Statewide recount until further notice.

As we all are aware, with Wisconsin's highly decentralized election administration in which so many hands touch various parts of the process, there is bound to human error. The checks and balances, redundancies, and audit functionalities built into our business processes, i.e. municipal boards of canvassers, county board of canvassers and the statewide certification procedure, are all designed to identify and resolve discrepancies.

In terms of catching errors so they can be resolved, the canvass process works. It worked in Milwaukee, Winnebago, Crawford, Shawano, Vernon, Rusk, Iowa, Door, Portage, Grant and all other counties that had changes. We have received no evidence that it did not work in Waukesha County.

We are aware that these are trying and challenging times for the public's confidence in elections. To help redirect some of the media contacts away from your offices, as your 2011 Spring Election canvasses are certified by our staff, we are posting them on our website for public access with the caveat that we have not yet certified the results.

We do not believe any of our clerks would do anything illegal to jeopardize their own reputation, or Wisconsin's reputation for clean, fair and transparent elections. We have full confidence in Wisconsin's county and municipal clerks, and in our business processes. We are grateful for all that you do to ensure the integrity of our elections.

We hope that you are motivated and inspired by the current state of events to continue to strive for and achieve excellence. We will keep you updated. Thank you!

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