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TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
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FROM: Nathaniel E. Robinson
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SUBJECT: February Primary Election Readiness: Final Preparations

We truly regret sharing so much important information about the February 21 Primary at such a late date. Mostly, we are reacting to situations that are entirely beyond our direct control. We ask for your continued understanding and patience.

Wisconsin election officials have experienced some of the most extensive changes to election procedures in the past year. Lately, new election administration legislation is being passed seemingly, weekly! These changes have been a challenge for everyone charged with administering elections. Although it does not change the amount of work that still needs to be done, the Government Accountability Board thanks you for your hard work and dedication. We will get through this very demanding time together.

In order to fully prepare our election partners for the upcoming spring primary, please see the following communications. In an ideal scenario, we would have liked to provide you additional time to review, however, due to resource limitations and time constraints, these communications are provided as soon as we possibly could. We appreciate your understanding. Please see the following communications, attached to this memo:

- Redistricting Update #9: Election Day Redistricting Questions
- Government Accountability Board's Online Provisional Tracking System
- Voter ID Procedures: Technical College IDs and University/College IDs Containing Stickers
- Audio of the Provisional and Canvass Teleconference held February 15.

Even in light of the challenges we are all dealing with, I remain confident that we will have a successful 2012 election year. If you have questions regarding these communications, please contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at gabhhelpdesk@wi.gov or (608) 261-2028. Thank you.

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