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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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Government Accountability Board

**SUBJECT:** Election Defense Alliance Open Records Request Regarding Spring Election

In May 2011, many municipal and county clerks received a public records request from Jonathan Simon on behalf of an organization called Election Defense Alliance. The correspondence requested copies of the memory devices and other records related to the April 5, 2011 Spring Election. Mr. Simon recently informed us that he considered all such requests to be withdrawn and he was under the impression that he had made that decision clear to all clerks.

Attached is a letter from Mr. Simon confirming that Election Defense Alliance has withdrawn its public records requests, which he asked that we forward to all clerks. Please note that this communication does not apply to any similar public records request filed by John Washburn.

If you have any additional questions regarding this matter, please contact the G.A.B. HelpDesk at (608) 261-2028.

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