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July 19, 2010

Hon. Gordon Myse, Chair
Mr. Kevin J. Kennedy
Director and General Counsel
State of Wisconsin Government Accountability Board
211 East Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor
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75th Assembly District Residency Challenge

Dear Judge Myse and Mr. Kennedy:

Please accept the enclosure as the written response of candidate Matt Bitz to a challenge of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the 75th Assembly District seat. The challenge was filed 26 minutes prior to the July 16, 2010 deadline by Kristen Crowell, the Executive Director of Wisconsin Progress.

A copy is being sent by regular mail to: Kristen Crowell, Wisconsin Progress, 211 S. Paterson, Suite 210, Madison, WI (no state given, assumed WI) (no zip code given).

We understand GAB 6.04 to allow for submission of these documents by facsimile accompanied by signed copy sent regular mail postmarked July 19, 2010.

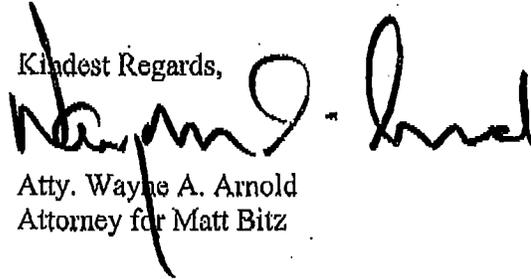
We wish to emphasize GAB 2.05(4) which provides in part, "*Any information on a nomination paper is entitled to a presumption of validity.*" And GAB 2.07(3)(a) which provides in part, "*The burden is on the challenger to establish any insufficiency.*" And GAB 2.07(4) in part, "*The burden of proof applicable to establishing or rebutting a challenge is clear and convincing evidence.*"

¹ We note GAB 21.01(1) from your website lists a different address and box number. We used the address on our letterhead.

As you can see from the attached Affidavit, Matt Bitz is a life-long resident of not only the State of Wisconsin, but the 75th Assembly District.

Thank you.

Kindest Regards,

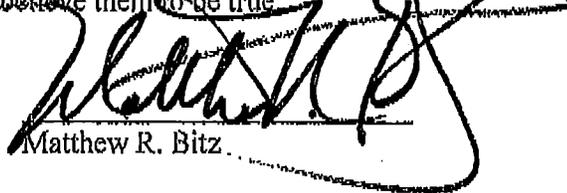
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne A. Arnold". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

Atty. Wayne A. Arnold
Attorney for Matt Bitz

12. In my campaign work thus far, I obtained far more than the required number of nomination signatures from members of the 75th District primarily obtained from going door to door throughout the district. While my officially submitted number is only 372, I have an additional twenty sheets of signatures of 75th district voters who desire my placement on the ballot in September.
13. I have held fundraisers and accepted donations from dozens of people. I have many upcoming events already scheduled allowing me to listen to the constituents and share my position on issues including a radio debate with my Democratic opponent.
14. Apparently those behind this challenge see me as a viable, attractive and well qualified-on-the-merits candidate and competitor for the 75th District Assembly seat. The challenger wishes to remove from the voters the opportunity to support and elect me as their representative.
15. That is not the tradition of Wisconsin politics. It is for the voters to determine the value of my education and experience in the real world of politics – the noble and proud art of peacefully reconciling disparate needs, wants, desires and opinions among diverse peoples in a democratic society.
16. I ask you for that opportunity.


Matthew R. Bitz

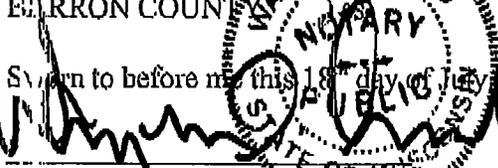
I, Matthew R. Bitz, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above Affidavit and that the above statements are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.


Matthew R. Bitz

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Eau Claire County



Sworn to before me this 18th day of July 2010.


Wayne A. Arnold, Notary Public
My commission is permanent.

FORM No. VS-1
2004-REV. 4-78

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
STATE OF WISCONSIN

ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH 148-

STATE FILING DATE
STATE BIRTH NO.

238

LOCAL FILE NUMBER 229

CHILD NAME: First Matthew Middle Raymond Last BEPZ

SEX: Male Female

DATE OF BIRTH: July 1978 HOUR: 5:30 A.M.

CITY, VILLAGE OR TOWNSHIP: Rice Lake INSIDE CITY OR VILLAGE LIMITS: YES NO

ATTENDANT NAME AND TITLE: Dr. M.D. [illegible] D. O. C. D. O. C.

City or VILL State Zip

Lake Wisconsin 54868

RESIDENCE STATE: Wisconsin

ADDRESS (After Birth Registration Building) Ison Avenue, City/Village of P.O. Rice Lake, Wisconsin 54868

RELATION TO CHILD: Mother

Type or Print in Permanent Black Ink

Reserve for signing

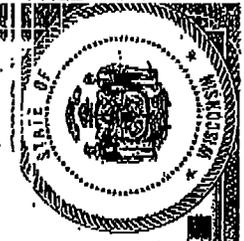
Out of State Residence Child



Joyce K. Kaseno
JOYCE K. KASENO
BARRON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

I certify that this document contains a true and correct reproduction of facts on file with the Wisconsin Vital Records Office.

09740168 Date Issued: July 19, 2010



The Secretary of State of the United States of America hereby requests all whom it may concern to permit the citizen/national of the United States named herein to pass without delay or hindrance and in case of need to give all lawful aid and protection.

Le Secrétaire d'Etat des Etats-Unis d'Amérique prie par les présentes toutes autorités compétentes de laisser passer le citoyen ou ressortissant des Etats-Unis titulaire du présent passeport, sans délai ni difficulté et, en cas de besoin, de lui accorder toute aide et protection légitimes.

El Secretario de Estado de los Estados Unidos de América por el presente solicita a las autoridades competentes que permitan el paso del ciudadano o nacional de los Estados Unidos aquí nombrado, sin demora ni dificultades, y en caso de necesidad, prestarle toda la ayuda y protección debidas.

SIGNATURE OF BEARER/SIGNATURE DU TITULAIRE/FIRMA DEL TITULAR

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WISCONSIN DRIVER LICENSE
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DID: B320-568 DOB: 07-78
Issued: 06-24-08 Expires: 07-15-13
Class: D Endorsements: None Restrictions: None
Sex: M Hair: BRO Eyes: BRO Height: 6'00" Weight: 180

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