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To whom it may concern,

I spoke to someone at the WEC who suggested this incident would most likely fall under the "Election Official Abuse or Violation §5.06" for a formal complaint. Whether this qualifies is up to your digression. All I want to happen from this is that registered voters not be turned away needlessly at the polls. This is what almost happened to me if I had not been an informed voter who knows the rules. Also this is during a blizzard outside, so many people would not have returned in my opinion if this happened to them.

At around 5pm 4/2/24 this was my experience. I am a registered voter (they ask this twice when you walk in & when you walk up to give your name). I have an old address on my drivers license. I informed the worker (Sally Lindow) of this when I gave her my name & address. She then asked me for a "utility bill or proof of new address" which is not required as I am already registered in the system. I had to correct her that she is not supposed to be asking people for this. She only responded by not responding. I then filled the silence by saying "you could be turning voters away by asking this who won't come back in this snow storm". She just went along with giving me my print out instead of addressing what she did was improper or a mistake or apologizing.

This didn't sit well with me as I was very nice about it so there was no need to act odd or offended by not acknowledging this fairly important error, since registered voters don't walk around with utility bills, perhaps because I knew how to do her job better than she did. So I got her name. She volunteered her first name, I had to ask for her last name which she then spelled. Since this left a bad feeling in my gut, after I filled out my ballot, I asked to talk to the election supervisor who was Vicki Lenz. She was very nice about it and agreed it was not supposed to be asked. In my opinion she seemed some what nervous about this for some reason, but that was just my personal observation. She said she would take care to make sure it doesn't happen again but on my drive home I decided I should follow up on this further since all I had was her word.

I did get to speak to Darla Fink, the Village of Fox Crossing Clerk, who answered her phone and was very nice and seemed caring about this concern in the beginning. Then she suggested this is Sally's first election in a few years so she must just not be familiar with the process. I wish I would have stated that I haven't been a part of one in a longer period of time but I still knew the rules. This is basic common sense in my opinion. To me it didn't seem to be taken that seriously and there was a small degree of being slightly gaslit like why do I care so much about such a trivial thing or the other issue I have witnessed which I will briefly mention below also. I don't think today was trivial or just a happenstance moment. It's either poor training or someone doing it intentionally in my opinion. There are a percentage of voters who are registered who have old IDs or lost their new ones. This therefore would turn away many voters who may well not come back, especially in terrible weather but regardless to me it's very odd. This could be happening elsewhere in other wards or counties as well.

That is why I am reporting it whether this is taken further or dismissed. I feel it should not be happening. I mentioned to Darla that I have also witnessed other odd things during elections in Fox Crossing & she wanted to know more about that. So I told her what happened when I early voted in 2020. She defended ballots being signed later by the poll worker and put into a box to be mass signed later rather than signed on the spot as they are supposed to be doing as "witnesses". Everyone I talked to in 2020 also said that was improper & Darla suggested it was to "rush things in a busy election". I told her that takes half a second & they are not supposed to be mass signed. She didn't really have a response to that because it's common sense just as a notary has to sign this statement in person on the spot. When I asked the worker to sign my ballot in front of me she also said it was "to rush things along" when I requested they sign it on the spot. She did sign it, somewhat reluctantly like I was being strange for asking that. To me it was the same attitude I experienced

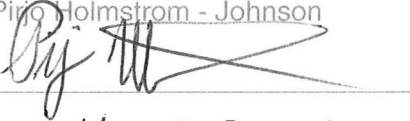
today and as a voter and I don't appreciate that for wanting the election process to not be skirted around. But I am only reporting today's incident but this prior incident is why I felt I had to this time. There are rules and or laws for a reason. They aren't to be ignored or mishandled. Elections are too important. So after speaking with Darla, although she seemed kind and caring at first, the lack of concern for the rules being followed on both occasions does concern me deeply. I would like this formal complaint to help ensure the process is taken more seriously and that things like this no longer happens "rushed" or "not trained" or for any reason.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for helping to ensure the election process is held up properly at all times. This is what the voters expect but many would not notice these things in my opinion so someone has to say something or it will continue is my fear. I am in no way trying to cause any problems. I just want people to take their elected jobs seriously at all times and to do them properly which is why the voters put them in-charge. 50% of the time when I have voted in this ward I have noticed something "off" so that is why I felt I had to let someone higher up know.

Note: This was ward 14 in Winnebago Cty (Fox Crossing Pentecostal Church) I am a registered voter which was made perfectly clear during the entire process.

Sincerely,

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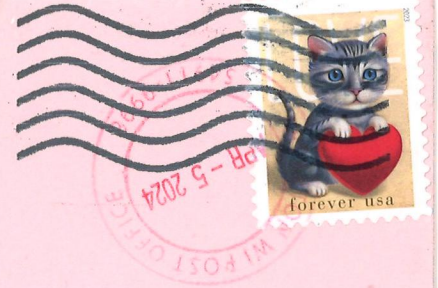
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