



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Tony Evers, Governor, State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 7863
Madison, WI 53707

Sent via Email to: ryan.nilsestuen1@wisconsin.gov (Chief Counsel)

Re: Complaint Filed with Wisconsin Elections Commission

Dear Governor Evers:

Enclosed with this letter, please find a sworn Wisconsin Statute § 5.06 complaint filed with our office from Commissioner Dean Knudson. The complaint alleges that you knowingly violated elections law by violating Wisconsin Statute §7.70(5) when signing and sending a document titled “Certificate of Ascertainment” to the National Archives before the time allowed for petition for a full statewide recount had passed, and before the time allowed for filing an appeal of the recount had passed.

As you may be aware, individuals that believe the actions of an election official were contrary to an election law or were an abuse of discretion in applying an election law may file a complaint with our office. To process this complaint, I ask that you provide a sworn written response to the complaint within 10 business days of receipt of this letter and complaint. Your response should address the allegations raised in Commissioner Knudson’s complaint.

After you file your response, Commissioner Knudson is then afforded the opportunity to file a reply to your response within 10 business days of receipt of your response. Once all the allowable filings have been made, the Commission staff will review the information and draft a decision in consultation with the Commission Administrator. The Administrator will then consult with the Commission Chair and issue the decision, after permitting Commission members an opportunity to provide any feedback.

You may file your response via email addressed to james.witecha@wisconsin.gov, so long as it is clear that the original document has been in fact sworn before an individual that can administer oaths, like a notary public. You may also file the response by regular mail to the address listed in the header above.

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Dean Knudson, chair | Marge Bostelmann | Julie M. Glancey | Ann S. Jacobs | Robert Spindell | Mark L. Thomsen

Administrator
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If you have any additional questions on this, please feel free to contact me at (608) 266-0136.

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James C. Witecha

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Enclosure