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DATE: August 1, 2017
TO: The Honorable Scott Walker, Governor
Honorable Members, Wisconsin Senate and Assembly
FROM: Michael Haas
Elections Commission Administrator
SUBJECT: Voter Registration Four-Year Record Maintenance

This message is to inform the Governor and members of the Wisconsin Senate and Assembly about the completion of the statutorily required Four-Year Voter Record Maintenance Process.

Wisconsin Statutes §§6.50 (1) and (2) require the Commission, in June following a general election, to mail notices to all voters who have been registered to vote for the past four years but have not voted. The notice indicates that voters' registrations will be deactivated unless they request continuation of their registration within 30 days. If the notice is returned as undeliverable or if the voter does not respond within 30 days, the Commission deactivates the voter's registration in the statewide voter registration system (WisVote). Voters who are deactivated do not appear on the poll list on Election Day and must reregister in order to vote. Commission staff completed this process on July 31, 2017.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. §6.50 (2r), the Commission must post voter record maintenance statistics on the agency website. The full statistics are available here:
<http://elections.wi.gov/publications/reports/2017-four-year-maintenance>.

Below is a summary of the statistics:

Voter Maintenance Summary Statistics		Total
Total number of notices mailed		381,495
Number of notices that were returned requesting continuation of registration		28,169
Number of notices that were returned as undeliverable		153,416
Number of voters mailed a notice who requested cancellation of registration		250
Number of voters mailed a notice who clerks determined to be deceased		799
Number of voters mailed a notice who clerks deactivated for reasons other than being deceased or at the voter's request		7,692
Number of duplicate voter records identified and merged together		532
Number of voters who did not respond to the notice		189,702
Total number of voters mailed a notice whose status changed from eligible to ineligible		351,733

If you have any questions regarding the 2017 voter record maintenance, please contact the Elections Commission Help Desk at (608) 261-2028, or elections@wi.gov.