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## Rep. Ramthun: Let There Be Light #5

MADISON - State Representative Timothy Ramthun (R-Campbellsport) released the following statement regarding facts surrounding election integrity efforts:

“I was very pleased by Judge Michael Bohren’s ruling on 1/13 that absentee ballot drop boxes and ballot harvesting are not permitted in state law. Judge Bohren also ruled that the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) guidance documents on absentee ballot drop boxes, issued in 2020, should have gone through the rules process. The Legislative Audit Bureau’s report identified 28.7% of Municipal clerks all across Wisconsin used illegal drop boxes in the 2020 election.”

“On November 27<sup>th</sup> 2020, prior to the certification of the election results, a lawsuit was filed against the WEC by the AMOS Center for Justice and Liberty. This lawsuit sought to stop certification of the results due to the infusion of funding from the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) which enabled the illegal use of over 500 voter drop boxes and infringed upon ss6.87(6) in all 72 counties under WEC guidance on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The lawsuit rightly claimed that only the legislative body has the sole authority to create election law and the WEC may only enforce existing law. Legislative leadership at the time, Senator Fitzgerald and Speaker Vos, approved the use of these illegal drop boxes, but this did not meet due-process requirements from the full legislative body to enable the legal use of them. This led to a resolution proposed by the Republican Party of Wisconsin at the State Convention asking for the Speaker’s resignation June 25<sup>th</sup> of 2021.”

“Upon a more extensive review of the case, it was discovered that the drop box effort was organized by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). CISA was present at Senator Brenier’s press conference alongside the Center for Elections Innovation and Research (CEIR).”

“CISA worked in conjunction with other national organizations like the CTCL and CEIR, but the most concerning of note is the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), which promoted CISA’s campaign of illegal drop boxes on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. NCSL’s president at the time was the Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly Robin Vos, who later appointed a special counsel investigation into the 2020 election under a contract that states the findings may only be reported to himself.”

“Connecting further dots, we also discovered the Director for Wisconsin Legislative Council (Leg. Council), Anne Sappenfield, is also a member of NCSL’s executive committee since 2006. It was Leg. Council’s memo to Senator Brenier that said we cannot reclaim our 10 electors. I pray my colleagues embrace the light of these truths and pursue their dutiful constitutional obligations for ‘we the people.’”

*The 59th Assembly District includes Hartford, Kewaskum, Campbellsport, Eden, Cascade, Waldo, Mount Calvary, St. Cloud, and New Holstein.*

In conjunction with Rep. Ramthun's latest press release attached to this email, we have included the following evidence to qualify our statements on Let there be light 5.

1 Mueller V Wec: This is the lawsuit presented in full, which comes with the claims the lawsuit presented to the court, along with the exhibits that validate their claims. It is relevant to note its findings were made prior to the electors being certified, and in a reasonable time where Laches should not apply. While reading it in its entirety is preferred as its findings are very telling, our presser observed the following:

- a.) Pg. 6 under "Facts" Section B #2 and pg. 7 #3 make the very same claim as our resolution that we have the plenary power under US Constitution to reclaim ballots.
- b.) Pgs. 8-9 #9 reveal the WEC sent these illegal instructions to "All Wisconsin Election Officials" and is proven by Exhibit 1 on Pg. 22. #11 reveals that the WEC created a procedure that does not exist in Wisconsin Election Law.
- c.) Pgs. 9-10 #12 and #13 reveal that CISA and NCSL had worked together in a campaign to promote the use of these illegal drop boxes. It reflects this across exhibits #2-9.
- d.) Pgs. 11-12 #19 further reveals that CISA and NCSL linked their websites in the campaign to "trust election officials" and "stop the spread of misinformation and disinformation"
- e.) Pg. 13 #22 reveals Chris Krebs worked with CISA and the NCSL to repeat the messages that "there is no evidence of voter fraud" and references exhibit #15.
- f.) Pg. 15 #26 reveals the CTCL infusion of moneys in the "WI 5" which used roughly 2.5 million for the use of these illegal drop boxes that CISA and the NCSL promoted.
- g.) Pg. 17 #30 reveals the use of over 500 drop boxes in WI with exhibit #14, and also cites that this infringes on WI ss6.87(6). #31 correctly points out that the WEC is to enforce existing law, not create law. #32 reveals that exhibit #18 reflects the WEC was aware of that fact, yet still enabled drop box usage.
- h.) Pg. 18 #34 concludes the WEC did in fact encourage the use of illegal drop boxes in all 72 counties (with the assistance of CISA and NCSL), and therefore the ballots collected in this manner should not have been counted.
- i.) Pgs. 68,69,70 Exhibit 9 shows the "Trusted info 2020" organizations which include and tie together CTCL, CEIR, NCSL, ERIC, Facebook, and Google among many others.

For full file click here: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/59/ramthun/media/1316/1-mueller-v-wec11272020-2.pdf>

2 2020ap1958-oa-dismissal: The dismissal of the court case reveals that the three dissenting Supreme Court Justices all unanimously said "This court cannot continue to shirk its institutional responsibilities to the people of Wisconsin." It reveals the other 4 judges would not even observe the case, which we now know has much more supporting evidence.

<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/59/ramthun/media/1317/2-2020ap1958-oa-dismissal.pdf>

3 Vos Role at NCSL: This email from the NCSL reveals that Rep. Vos was in fact president of NCSL during this time, and lists his duties in that role.

<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/59/ramthun/media/1318/3-vos-role-at-ncsl.pdf>

4 vos-fitzgerald-dropbox-approval-letter: This is a letter sent to the Madison City clerk from Rep. Vos's and Sen. Fitzgerald's attorneys which was revealed in this case, and shows they were aware of the illegality of the drop boxes prior to the lawsuit, and approved their use anyway. It references the WEC guidance as justification for their use, which on the 1/13 ruling, was not legal.

<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/59/ramthun/media/1319/4-vos-fritzgerald-dropbox-approval-letter.pdf>

*5 Resolution to call for Vos resignation:* This is a resolution that was proposed by the Republican party of Wisconsin asking for his resignation due to his involvement and approval of the drop boxes. It was set to be voted on at the Republican State Convention held in June, but the speaker introduced his plan to appoint Gableman for a special counsel investigation, and the resolution was postponed.

<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/59/ramthun/media/1320/5-resolution-to-call-for-vos-resignation.pdf>

*6 NCSL Welcomes New Leadership:* This article from the NCSL further validates that Rep. Vos was president of NCSL at the time on pg. 1. It also reveals that Anne Sappenfield, Director of Legislative Council, the group that released Sen. Brenier's memo saying there is no legal path to reclaim WI ballots, has worked with the NCSL since 2006 on pg. 2. This also reveals a long standing connection between Rep. Vos and the head of the Legislative Council team.

<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/59/ramthun/media/1322/7-ncsl-welcomes-new-leadership-vos-and-leg-council-with-ncsl.pdf>

*7 Leg Council Staff:* A snapshot of the Leg council website to validate Anne Sappenfield is the Director of the Legislative Council Team. She is also on the Joint Committee of Organization that appointed Gableman.

<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/59/ramthun/media/1321/6-leg-council-staff.pdf>

*8 Waukesha County Judge rules that drop boxes are illegal:*

<https://will-law.org/waukesha-judge-rules-absentee-ballot-drop-boxes-ballot-harvesting-illegal-under-state-law/>

*9 LAB audit Reveals 28.7% of Municipal Clerks used Drop Boxes in the 2020 election:*

<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/59/ramthun/media/1324/9-lab-audit-287-of-clerks-used-drop-boxes.pdf>