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Executive Director  
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**Re: Referral regarding alleged double voting**

Dear Mr. Wiley:

On August 9, 2005, the Republican Party of Wisconsin referred information to authorities indicating that during the November 2004 election, nine individuals may have voted not only in Milwaukee but also in Chicago, Madison, or Minneapolis. Investigators assigned to the Joint Election Fraud Task Force have investigated this matter and have found no evidence that any of the individuals named in the referral had engaged in fraud. As explained below, six of the individuals did not vote in Milwaukee. Rather, they were included in the Election Commission's electronic voter database as a result of clerical or scanning errors. The other three individuals voted only in Milwaukee.

**Chicago**

The referral named four individuals who were suspected of voting both in Milwaukee and in Chicago (Voters 1 - 4).<sup>1</sup> With respect to Voter 1, investigators have determined that an election inspector entered a voter number for this individual in one of the poll books used on election day. This appears to have been a clerical error. In the other poll book for this ward, the same voter number was entered one line lower (for a relative of Voter 1). Law enforcement has determined that Voter 1's relative was the actual voter from this location. Although the Election Commission had noted this discrepancy, when workers scanned the poll books, they mistakenly scanned both entries. This, in turn, led to the inclusion of Voter 1 in the Election Commission's electronic database.

Voter 2 and Voter 3 did not vote in Milwaukee. The poll books do not contain voter numbers for either of these individuals. Nor were investigators able to locate on-site registration

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<sup>1</sup>Due to privacy concerns, this letter does not address the individuals included in your referral by name.

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cards for these individuals. It appears that Voter 2 and Voter 3 were included in the Election Commission's electronic database as a result of scanning errors.

With respect to Voter 4, the individual who voted in Milwaukee was born in July 1980. The Chicago voter with the same name was born in August 1950. The individuals appear to be father and son.

### Madison

The referral named three individuals who were suspected of voting both in Milwaukee and in Madison (Voters 5 - 7). With respect to Voter 5 and Voter 6, in each instance, an election inspector mistakenly entered a voter number on the wrong line in one of the two poll books used at the applicable location. In each instance, in both poll books, the same number also was entered for another voter (e.g., the voter immediately below Voter 6). After additional investigation, law enforcement has determined that the "other" individuals actually cast ballots using these voter numbers. Law enforcement found no evidence to suggest that Voter 5 or Voter 6 cast a ballot. However, when Election Commission employees scanned the poll books, both entries were mistakenly included.

With respect to Voter 7, the individual who voted in Milwaukee was born in August 1951. The Madison voter with the same name was born in July 1977. They appear to be father and son.

### Minneapolis

The referral named two individuals suspected of having voted both in Milwaukee and in Minneapolis (Voters 8 - 9). With respect to Voter 8, the individual who voted in Milwaukee was born in April 1983 and has a middle initial of "P." The Minneapolis voter was born in June 1946 and has a middle initial of "R."

Finally, with respect to Voter 9, an election inspector entered a voter number in one of the poll books for this individual. This number indicated that Voter 9 had cast an absentee ballot. This was a clerical error. The same voter number was included in the poll books for a different absentee voter. Investigators have reviewed the absentee ballots for this ward and did not locate a ballot for Voter 9. Instead, investigators found an absentee ballot for the other individual who had been assigned the same voter number. As a result, the Task Force has no reason to believe that Voter 9 cast a ballot in Milwaukee.

In sum, the Task Force did not find any evidence of fraud with respect to the specific individuals named in the referral. However, please be assured that the Task Force is continuing its work and will thoroughly investigate all credible leads regarding alleged voting irregularities

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in this district.

Please feel free to call me or the other members of the Task Force with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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