

Sen. Larson, Rep. Brostoff: Call for Senate to vote to confirm Ethics Commission and Elections Commission administrators

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MADISON - Tomorrow the State Senate will vote on confirmations for the administrators of the Wisconsin Ethics and Elections Commissions, Brian Bell and Mike Haas, respectively. While Bell and Haas have received steadfast, bipartisan support from both commissions, tomorrow's vote is an attempt by Senate Republicans to remove them. State Senator Chris Larson (D-Milwaukee) and State Representative Jonathan Brostoff (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement on tomorrow's vote:

"I've heard from neighbors and people across Wisconsin who value open and accountable government. They are rejecting the extreme Trump-Walker agenda to further rig the system against voters. Senate Republicans are trying to put a leash on the Elections Commission, a commission they crafted in a partisan attempt to tilt the playing field their way. My vote is for confirmation and accountability," said Senator Larson.

"Republicans are continuing their pattern of attempting to silence truth tellers. When there was an internal investigation about the alleged abuses at Lincoln Hills, Walker not only failed to act, he specifically shut down the agency that uncovered these horrific actions. We should be attacking the corruption itself rather than those who call attention to the corrupt actions," said Representative Brostoff. "Bully

tactics have no place in the Wisconsin State Legislature. Senator Fitzgerald's continued persecution of the non-partisan Elections Commission is a transparent power grab and must be stopped."

"This is a like a bunch of school yard bullies trying to take out the chaperones. It is a clear example of the vindictive partisanship that has come to define the politics of Governor Walker and legislative Republicans. Their assault on the staff of the Wisconsin Election Commission is yet another black-eye to our once proud tradition of open and transparent government," concluded Senator Larson.