

VoteSafe Wisconsin: Bipartisan coalition launches absentee ballot “Flattening the Curve” COVID effort in response to Wisconsin Supreme Court cases

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Current and former AGs leading coalition urge voters to request and return ballots early, to avoid postal service backlog

(Madison, Wis.) – VoteSafe WI Coalition co-chairs Attorney General Josh Kaul and former Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen are launching an effort to help Wisconsin “flatten the curve” in absentee ballots, in response to the state Supreme Court ruling today, after the ongoing lawsuit led to delays in Wisconsin’s absentee ballot process. The bipartisan coalition is asking those interested in absentee voting to request and return their absentee ballots as soon as possible to help election officials at the state, county, and local levels process the ballots in a timely and efficient manner.

“If you’re planning to vote by mail, there’s no reason to wait to get the process started. You can request your ballot today,” said VoteSafe WI co-chair Attorney General Kaul. “Once you’ve received your ballot, filling it out right away and sending it back as soon as possible will help to get your ballot in with plenty of time to spare.”

VoteSafe WI co-chair and former Attorney General Van Hollen added, “Whether you vote at the polls in person, or you want to fill out your ballot at home via secure absentee, we want every Wisconsinite to vote in a manner that is safe, secure, and efficient. If you are planning on voting absentee, please contact your county clerk, or visit myvote.wi.gov to request your ballot as early as possible and make it easier for election officials to make sure your vote is counted.”

With the general election in November quickly approaching, the VoteSafe WI coalition urges voters who are interested in absentee voting due to the COVID-19 pandemic to make their requests as soon as possible to ensure their voice is heard at the ballot box.

VoteSafe WI’s principles are as follows:

- Wisconsin should ensure that voters have broad access to both secure absentee ballots and safe, in-person voting sites; and
- Congress should ensure that Wisconsin has the resources necessary to protect their voters and elections.

Voters who want to vote absentee should continue to have faith that their vote will be counted, and bear in mind the following facts:

- If you would like to request an absentee ballot, you must be registered to vote.
- If you are not registered or your name or address has changed, you will need to register or update your registration before requesting an absentee ballot.

Visit <https://myvote.wi.gov> to check your registration, request an absentee ballot, or search for your in-person polling location.