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Peckarsky campaign: Leave no room for election disputes in 2022 or beyond

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MILWAUKEE – Wisconsin Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Peter Peckarsky filed a Notice of Claim today with Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul to assure Wisconsin voters that their right under the Wisconsin Constitution to cast a secret ballot is protected when absentee ballots are counted centrally.

Peckarsky is also sending a Notice of Claim to each of the 40 municipalities which count absentee ballots centrally, to ask the municipalities to protect the constitutional right of absentee voters to cast a secret ballot. A copy of the Notice of Claim sent to the Attorney General is attached. A copy of a typical Notice of Claim to a municipality is also attached. A list of the 40 municipalities which centrally count absentee ballots is attached and is available at the WEC website.

“I am asking the state of Wisconsin to bring the procedure used when absentee ballots are counted centrally, into compliance with Article III, Section 3 of the Wisconsin constitution which requires a secret ballot,” Peckarsky said.

Peckarsky, an intellectual property lawyer who in July announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat now occupied by Ron Johnson, has used his legal training and experience to assist election protection efforts for the Democratic Party of Wisconsin, California Democratic Party, Democratic National Committee and other organizations, for 20 years.

“Given that the Wisconsin Supreme Court said in 2020 that those ‘bringing election-related claims have a special duty to bring their claims in a timely manner,’ any candidate in any Wisconsin election (whether for U.S. Senate or otherwise) has a duty to see that any election law issues are resolved well before the elections, I acted today to fulfill that duty,” Peckarsky said. “The time to settle this issue is now.”

Peckarsky, a Milwaukee-born and based attorney, has a degree in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a law degree from Case Western Reserve University. He previously served as consultant on strategic nuclear weapons forces and platforms to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and on intelligence analysis to the Director of Naval Intelligence. His legal career spans election law, antitrust, hedge fund, and securities fraud matters and the intersection of law with science and technology. Learn more at peckarskyforwisconsin.com. (link to documents)