

Sen. Bewley: A new low

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MADISON – Yesterday, Republicans from Racine to Madison and beyond made baseless claims that the Wisconsin Elections Commission broke election law in nursing homes, called for resignations and threatened legal action. In response Senate Minority Leader Janet Bewley released the following statement:

“First and foremost, members and staff of the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) acted appropriately under difficult circumstances during a pandemic; they did nothing illegal. Second, WEC, in promulgating the guidance on Special Voting Deputies, was following the laws that the Republicans created – WI Statute 5.05 – “the elections commission shall have the responsibility for the administration of ... laws relating to elections and election campaign.” Third, this issue has been widely discussed and reported on for over a year. Fourth, just six months ago, the Republicans re-appointed one of the very members they are now claiming must resign.

“The disingenuous display of outrage we saw yesterday borders on farce, except for the very real damage that baseless allegations of fraud and illegal activity are having on the public’s confidence in our elections. The people of this state are not well served when their elected leaders start behaving like Chicken Little. Their treatment of Megan Wolfe, who was confirmed unanimously by the State Senate in 2019, is especially troubling. She is a non-partisan administrator who followed the guidance approved by all of three of the Republican appointed members of the Election Commission. What message does throwing her under the bus send to the thousands of other non-partisan officials across the state? The people of Wisconsin deserve better.”