

Rep. Brandtjen: The Wisconsin Elections Commission fails Wisconsin voters, again

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Madison – State Representative Janel Brandtjen (R- Menomonee Falls) is once again pointing out the “ever-widening gap” between what the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) was intended to do, and what they are actually doing. The comments come after WEC declined to investigate the illegal voting that occurred in several senior care facilities in Wisconsin. Lawyers for the families of two elderly citizens who voted in the November 2020 election after they were deemed not competent to vote by the courts, recently filed a complaint with WEC. WEC has declined to investigate.

“Chapter 5.05 in the Wisconsin Statutes clearly assigns the overseeing of Wisconsin elections to the Elections Commission. WEC is also responsible for investigating violations of election laws and has extensive powers to perform these investigations. However, do we now expect WEC to investigate the alleged illegal activities that may have occurred in nursing homes when they *themselves* enabled the illegal activity?” Brandtjen asked. “The Wisconsin Statutes clearly provide protection for our most vulnerable seniors and WEC’s guidance regarding Special Voting Deputies unlawfully eliminated those protections. WEC has also refused to update the voter rolls, which puts our seniors at risk and further jeopardizes our overall election security. Wisconsin’s voters deserve fair and honest elections, and the Wisconsin Elections Commission is no better than the corrupt Government Accountability Board that it replaced,” Brandtjen added.