

Sen. Smith: Senate Dems call for Spindell's dismissal from WEC

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MADISON – Senator Jeff Smith (D-New Brunswick) joined his Democratic colleagues in the State Senate today calling for the resignation or dismissal of Wisconsin Elections Commissioner Bob Spindell following comments Spindell made bragging about voter suppression targeting Black and Brown people in Milwaukee, then doubling down on his statements.

“Republicans have been covertly using voter suppression for years, and Mr. Spindell’s boasts make that clear,” said Smith. “For years, Republicans have employed these tactics, but overtly bragging about it warrant his removal as a board member on our agency to oversee elections. While I am not surprised by these comments, I am appalled that Mr. Spindell remains in a position of public trust.

“It’s appalling that he remains on the commission,” Smith continued. “If Mr. Spindell doesn’t do the right thing and resign, it falls solely on Senator LeMahieu to remove him from the commission as his pick.”

The 31st Senate District includes all of Buffalo, Pepin and Trempealeau counties and portions of Pierce, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson and St. Croix counties.