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## **Administrator Haas:**

We are writing with our support for your request of three (3) additional FTE staff positions, two of which would focus on election security issues. We recognize that your current staffing level is unsustainable, especially in light of recent revelations of "Russian government cyber actors" targeting Wisconsin's voter registration system and/or other state agencies as a means of compromising our elections.

Over the last two budgets your staff has been reduced by 28%. Governor Walker's most recent veto of five (5) staff positions has compromised your ability to make Wisconsin's election process secure and accurate. Everyone wants secure elections. We appreciate that you are undertaking comprehensive election security planning, and support the additional positions to make sure security measures can be successfully implemented as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Rep. Fred Kessler
12<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

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