



# WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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Governor Scott Walker  
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Governor Walker:

We are writing with our support for the Wisconsin Election Commission's (WEC's) request of 3.0 additional FTE staff positions, two of which would focus on election security issues. We hope you recognize that their 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, the WEC staff has been reduced by 28%. You placed this agency in jeopardy and our elections at risk by vetoing the five staff positions allocated by the legislature. We desperately need secure elections, and your actions have left Wisconsin vulnerable to interference by foreign government actors or other parties. We hope you do not stand in the way of the additional positions, so that WEC can make sure security measures can be successfully implemented as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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