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Rep. Hebl's Response to 7th Circuit Court's Ruling on Voting

(Sun Prairie) – On Monday night, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Republican-passed voting restrictions that include increasing the number of days a voter must live in a district before voting (from 10 to 28 days) and limiting early voting to the two weeks before an election. State Representative Gary Hebl released the following statement in response:

Voting is the most fundamental right citizens have in a democracy. It is unconscionable that a court would go along with voting restrictions. To think that there are some out there today celebrating this decision is incredibly sad.

Two months ago, Republicans were decrying Governor Evers' so-called "one-size-fits-all" approach to reopening the state in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. And yet today, they are overjoyed at the same thing when it comes to voting? It's absolutely baffling.

Menominee County has fewer than 1700 registered voters. Milwaukee County has about 300 times more than that. Having the same rules in effect for both areas of the state does not make any sense. This is a blatant effort to suppress votes in more densely populated areas of the state, which historically have leaned Democratic.

This once again shows that Republicans are absolutely terrified of people actually voting in elections. I'm sure that they'd just prefer to be handed power, but that's not how democracy works. If they are so worried about losing elections, perhaps they should consider modifying their unpopular agenda instead of preventing people from voting.

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