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Statement on Joint Election Committee Hearing

Madison, WI – State Sen. Duey Stroebel (R – Saukville), who was recently appointed to the Senate Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rural Issues, released the following statement after listening to hours of testimony during today’s joint elections committee hearing:

“Republican lawmakers today heard a consistent theme: Wisconsin’s election laws need more clarity and definition to prevent the kind of manipulation of process that was alleged in testimony today. Words have meaning. When that meaning is undermined by a conflicting guidance, public confidence in our elections is weakened.

“The Wisconsin Elections Commission bears significant responsibility for the confusion that unfolded this year. The Commission’s use of memorandums and guidance documents to expressly direct and authorize actions and processes not addressed in state law is unacceptable. WEC is a state agency. It should follow the law and employ the administrative rules process to outline implementation of state statute.

“Unfortunately, my Democratic colleagues today decided to walk out and leave the Zoom conference call. While we may disagree on issues, we shouldn’t turn our back on citizens raising their concerns, sharing their perspectives and participating in our legislative process.

“The numerous first-hand accounts of reported election irregularities and possible voter fraud are truly shocking. Fortunately, video of the entire hearing will be on WisEye so the public can view the testimony and draw their own conclusions.

“I look forward to working with my colleagues to draft reforms that will improve the clarity and detail of our election laws. We must protect the integrity of our elections and ensure the public has confidence in the security, accuracy and fairness of our election processes.”

The 20th Senate District contains parts of Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, Calumet and Sheboygan counties.

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