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WIMBERGER DEMANDS INVESTIGATION INTO GREEN BAY ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

GREEN BAY—Senator Eric Wimberger (R-Green Bay) issued the following statement after <u>revelations</u> that partisan, nongovernmental employees were allowed significant access and influence over the 2020 election in the City of Green Bay:

"This report indicates extremely concerning behavior from Mayor Eric Genrich and his staff. The City Clerk was pressured by a partisan actor, the National Vote at Home Institute, who the Mayor's Chief of Staff actively assisted. A private citizen, not affiliated with the City of Green Bay, and not a Wisconsin resident, effectively became the chief elections officer for Green Bay during a presidential election. They were allowed direct access to absentee ballots, and directed how, where, and when ballots should be collected. This is inexcusable and action must be taken.

"Situations like this are exactly why I am a co-author with Senators Darling and Stroebel of legislation that would prohibit the private funding of elections, and would instead require the Elections Commission to distribute any elections-related grants statewide on a per-capita basis.

"I am calling on Brown County District Attorney David Lasee and Attorney General Josh Kaul to investigate whether these allegations were part of any sort of pay-for-play scheme. Every American should have confidence in how their elections are run. This massive abuse of power significantly damages that trust, and we must ensure that situations like this cannot occur in the future."

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