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Aging Advocates Applaud Governor Evers for Protecting Older Voters' Rights

The Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR) applauds Governor Evers' action today, vetoing several bills that would make it harder for older adults and adults with disabilities to vote. Despite a strong desire to vote, as people age there are often barriers that make voting challenging for older adults. "Health conditions, disabilities, lack of transportation, isolation, limited broadband access and a lack of basic digital literacy skills can pose significant barriers for older voters," said Robert Kellerman, Executive Director of GWAAR, "We support policies that address the barriers older voters and voters with disabilities face and thank Governor Evers for protecting the rights of older voters and opposing voting bills containing provisions that would make it more difficult to vote."

Some older voters already face obstacles to voting, particularly those who no longer drive, live alone, are primary caregivers, and/or are without access to computers, smart phones, printers, and other devices often needed to obtain voting applications. These bills would have made it even harder to receive and return absentee ballots, to ensure voting support for absentee voters in residential care facilities and would have created additional hurdles for indefinitely confined voters.

Today's action protects the voting rights of older adults, adults with disabilities, and all eligible voters.

About GWAAR

The Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. is a nonprofit agency committed to supporting the successful delivery of aging programs and services in 70 counties and 11 tribes in Wisconsin. We provide aging lead agencies in our service area with training, technical assistance, and advocacy to ensure the availability and quality of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older people in Wisconsin.

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