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Wisconsin Justice Initiative's reaction to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals decision today certifying to the Wisconsin Supreme Court the challenge to the Marsy's Law amendment:

Dennis Grzezinski, attorney for all plaintiffs: "The Court of Appeals decision summarizes the Wisconsin Justice Initiative's challenge to the Marsy's Law ballot question as misleading and legally insufficient, which led the Circuit Court to rule that the proposed amendments to the Wisconsin Constitution were not validly ratified. We look forward to having the Wisconsin Supreme Court address these issues."

Craig Johnson, WJI President and a plaintiff in the case: "This is an example of good intentions causing unintended chaos in our justice system. Marsy's Law has confused courts, prosecutors and the general public about when and how it applies and what 'rights it confers. It runs the risk of negatively affecting the constitutional rights of the accused in a way that the original proponents always denied was their intention. Yet that's the stark reality, and voters were never informed about this. The ballot question did not explain the issue fully and fairly, and left people to vote in the dark."

Jerome Buting, plaintiff in the case: "We are gratified that the court of appeals recognizes the importance of this challenge to the ballot which installed Marsy's Law into the Wisconsin constitution and today asked the Wisconsin Supreme Court to hear the case. The circuit court already struck the amendment because, as the plaintiffs argued, the ballot misled the voters about what they were voting on. The wording of the ballot was a "sleight of hand" which did not tell voters what the changes really meant. We believe the Supreme Court will agree and order the amendment stricken. Moving the case up to the higher court now will speed resolution of the case. It's a win for the voters of Wisconsin and provides a lesson to the legislature not to trifle with our state constitution by hoodwinking voters."