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## Keep Our Republic Emphasizes Transparency in Wisconsin's Elections

### *Madison's Absentee Ballot Error Demonstrates That Swift, Transparent Action is Essential for Election Integrity*

**Keep Our Republic (KOR)**, is committed to ensuring that our electoral process is secure, transparent and trusted by all voters. The recent news last week from Madison, where approximately 2,000 duplicate absentee ballots were mistakenly sent to voters, serves as an important reminder of two key principles in our democracy: transparency and accountability.

While mistakes in any system are inevitable, it's the response to those mistakes which truly matters. The fact that this error was identified early in the election cycle, communicated openly, and addressed swiftly by the City Clerk's office is critical. This allows for corrections to be made before any votes are counted, ensuring that our democratic process remains secure and trustworthy.

As the City Clerk has stated, there are safeguards in place, such as the unique barcodes on absentee ballots, to ensure that no duplicate votes will be counted. This gives Wisconsin residents confidence in the integrity of the process. Mistakes, when dealt with transparently and immediately, can reinforce the strength of our system, rather than diminish it.

This incident highlights the importance of civic engagement and vigilance in the election process. It is not a weakness for members of the public to have their eyes and ears on these proceedings — on the contrary, this level of involvement is what helps safeguard the democratic process. The more people who are engaged in observing, asking informed questions and supporting the proper execution of our electoral process, the stronger and more resilient our elections will be.

“Our election officials are the backbone of our democracy,” said **Ari Mittleman, Keep Our Republic Executive Director**. “Clerks and election officials throughout Wisconsin, including in Madison, manage thousands of ballots while ensuring transparency and integrity, often under intense scrutiny. Their dedication is something we should all recognize and appreciate.”

We applaud the quick action taken by election officials in our Capitol or Capitol City, Madison. Our electoral system is one of the cornerstones of our republic, and every step that strengthens it, through transparency, public oversight and accountability moves us closer to a future where all voters have full faith in the process.

It is far better for an issue like this to arise now, early in the election cycle, rather than closer to

Election Day. The time is available to rectify any problems, ensure all protocols are followed and demonstrate that Wisconsin's elections are run fairly and securely.

It's also important to remember the tremendous success of Wisconsin's electoral process in recent elections. During the 2024 primary election, thousands of voters across the state casted their ballots without major issues, demonstrating the reliability and preparedness of our election system. In 2020, more than 3.3 million Wisconsinites voted across 72 counties, with election officials ensuring that every ballot was processed accurately and securely.

The vast majority of election procedures are carried out smoothly and with great care, thanks to the hard work of dedicated officials and the many safeguards in place. Wisconsin has a proud tradition of upholding the integrity of its elections. Our electoral process is one of the most transparent and secure in the country, and through continued openness and accountability, we strengthen and protect our republic.

At *Keep Our Republic*, we believe that the work of protecting our democracy is shared by all of us. Together, we can ensure that the 2024 election will be one that every voter can trust.

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### **About Keep Our Republic**

Founded in 2020, Keep Our Republic (KOR) is a non-partisan, non-profit dedicated to safeguarding the pillars of American democracy. Committed to upholding the integrity of our electoral system and educating citizens on threats to our democratic values, KOR serves as a beacon of truth and transparency in an era of misinformation. Join us in our mission to protect and preserve the republic for future generations.

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