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Petition and HAVA Complaints Demand Immediate Security Fixes to Wisconsin's MyVote Website

A petition, a Help America Vote Act (HAVA) complaint before the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC), and a separate federal HAVA complaint to the U.S. Department of Justice all raise the same urgent issue: Wisconsin's MyVote website violates federal internet security standards and election-security guidelines for online voter registration and absentee ballot requests.

HOT President Jay Stone said the petition and complaints were filed to force WEC to act. "Wisconsin should not allow voters to register and request absentee ballots through an online system that does not require a username, password, and an additional factor to authenticate MyVote users," Stone said. "Since WEC already has multi-factor authentication for Badger Voters and WisVote, there is no reason Wisconsin voters should receive less protection when accessing MyVote."

The petition specifically challenges the security of MyVote's online processes for voter registration, voter-record changes, and absentee ballot requests, arguing that these sensitive functions should not rely on weak or easily obtained personal identifiers. Stone contends that MyVote violates federal internet security requirements and widely accepted website security guidelines. Instead of following best practices like multi-factor authentication, WEC has left MyVote's online registration and absentee-ballot request functions with virtually no meaningful authentication.

Stone is not opposed to online voter services. He only seeks the same protection that the MyWisconsin ID system already provides for more than 70 other Wisconsin websites. The Department of Administration's Division of Enterprise Technology (DET) protects and serves more State of Wisconsin websites each year; MyVote should be added to DET's list, especially since WEC's servers are already hosted and protected by DET. There is a low barrier to adding MFA to MyVote because WEC already uses DET's personnel and technology for its other websites. "Multiple times WEC commissioners have voted against protecting the MyVote website," Stone said. "Why it is taking a



petition plus state and federal complaints to require WEC to follow basic website security practices is beyond my comprehension.”

The full DOJ complaint and related filings are available here:

[Multi-factor Authentication Petition](#)

[Stone V. WEC HAVA Complaint](#)

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HOT (Honest, Open, and Transparent) Government is a Wisconsin-based organization focused on election integrity, government accountability, and the protection of voters' rights.

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