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Senate President Roger Roth's Statement on Evers' Unconstitutional Action

MADISON – State Senator Roger Roth (R-Appleton) issued the following statement regarding Governor Evers' unlawful Executive Order.

“On March 16th, 20th, 23rd, and 30th Governor Evers reiterated the need for an election to be held on April 7th and that he was not able to change an election on his own. He also stated that he would never ‘wait until the night before the election to make an historic decision like that’ when asked about cancelling or moving election dates.

“Only following a scathing critique on the front page of Politico did Governor Evers decide that in-person voting should be suspended and absentee ballots postponed, clearly ignoring the legal barriers to filling critical local seats in doing so.

“Now the Governor has decided to unlawfully suspend an election and deny Wisconsin residents their right to vote and further acknowledged today that ‘there is no guarantee on how the virus reacts, so we might be back on this position on June 9th.’

“The Governor has declared going to Target, Home Depot, Kwik Trip or Menards is fine, but going to your polling place is life or death? It’s ok to go grab a bite to eat from your favorite bar or restaurant, or have takeout dropped off at your door, but the idea of voting, no matter what our talented clerks do to keep people safe is too dangerous to even consider?

“These are hard times, there is no questioning that, and a lot is being asked of everyone. From our healthcare workers, police and fire departments to staff at grocery stores, people are going above and beyond. However, these are the times when an election must not be moved.

“I, unlike the Governor, believe that voting is the cornerstone of our republic and I continue to value this singular institution which sets us apart from other nations. Our resiliency in the face of adversity is what has allowed the great American experiment to endure for so long.

“The Governor’s authoritarian move has left Wisconsin in chaos as our local clerks struggle to continue their election preparation and voters continue to wonder what information can be trusted coming out of the Evers administration.

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