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Mason Becker's Statement on Rep. Horlacher's Opposition to Absentee Vote Mailing

Fort Atkinson - On June 17, 2020, the Wisconsin Elections Commission unanimously voted 6-0 to authorize the mailing of absentee ballot applications to 2.7 million registered voters in the state. The commission is composed of three Democrats and three Republicans.

The decision means that individual municipal clerk offices will not be responsible for the coordination and expense of the large undertaking.

Not all Wisconsin leaders are on board with this move. In a last ditch effort to stop the plan, several Republican leaders signed on to a letter from Rep. Rick Gundrum, a Republican from Slinger. One of the other Republicans who signed onto this letter was Rep. Cody Horlacher of the 33rd Assembly District.

"I was very disappointed to see Rep. Horlacher's name on the list of Republican legislators opposed to the statewide mailing of absentee ballot applications. Wisconsin voters spoke loud and clear in the Spring Election that they did not appreciate being forced to vote in-person during a pandemic. In spite of an assurance from Assembly Speaker Robin Vos that voting was 'incredibly safe', our state's residents knew better," said Mason Becker, Democratic candidate for the 33rd State Assembly District.

"It is shameful that Rep. Horlacher does not recognize the importance of ensuring that as many residents as possible are able to have their voices heard this November, in what may be the most important election of our lifetimes. Citizens should be able to vote safely and without fear of contracting a deadly illness like the coronavirus, which has already claimed the lives of over 700 Wisconsin residents."

"I believe that in 2020, voting should be accessible, convenient, and safe for all Wisconsin citizens. When I am serving in the State Assembly, I will do everything I can to ensure voting rights are upheld, and that the public health is valued in all public policy decision making."

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