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Rep. Duchow Votes to Protect the Administration of Wisconsin Elections

Madison, WI – Representative Cindi Duchow (R-Delafield) released the following statement on Tuesday after voting to pass legislation that prevents private organizations from sending money and personnel to specific municipalities in an attempt to infiltrate and influence election administration in Wisconsin:

“Ensuring our elections are conducted with the highest level of integrity and transparency is of utmost importance, and after watching the impropriety unfold in Green Bay following the 2020 General Election, I am thrilled to see Assembly Bill 173 pass.”

“Under this bill, out-of-state corporations and other big-money groups will no longer be able to inappropriately cast undue influence on elections by cherry-picking which municipalities they dump millions of dollars into. Going forward, individual municipalities would be prohibited from accepting election funds from outside groups and instead are required to turn over those funds to the Wisconsin Elections Commission who will then allocate them across the state on a per capita basis.”

“In 2020, we saw millions of outside dollars deliberately targeting the election administration of select local governments. Given the recent influx of outside resources facilitating certain municipal elections, distributing this outside money fairly throughout the state will help ensure every local election gets a fair share of the funding and that election influence cannot be bought.”

“The people of this state expect and deserve honest elections. Wisconsin is a state that prides itself on clean government, not one that gives election administration away to the highest bidder.”

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Representative Duchow represents the 99th Assembly District which includes the communities of Chenequa, Delafield, Dousman, Hartland, Merton, Nashotah, Oconomowoc Lake, Ottawa, and Wales; and portions of Genesee, North Prairie, Oconomowoc, and Summit.