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Another Fib about the Big Lie

Madison, WI – Under GOP voter suppression bills passed today, Wisconsinites who vote absentee in future elections would face extra barriers to cast their ballot. The Republican bills are part of a nationwide push to restrict access to voting, bolstered by the Big Lie that the 2020 election was stolen. Senator Larson offered this statement:

“Our local election officials stepped up like never before during a national pandemic to safely hold our elections to ensure each of our neighbors could safely and securely cast their ballots. Instead of applauding their efforts, Republicans have disparaged them at every turn. While the Packers sort out their quarterback situation, most of the Republicans are trying out their hand at expert level Monday morning quarterbacking. They refused to step up when they were needed, and now they’re spending their time second-guessing election workers.

“A violation of the spirit of democracy, this legislation disproportionately affects the elderly, disabled, and indefinitely confined, mandating onerous applications and status checks. Through these unnecessary hurdles, Republicans prove again that they care more about electoral success than the constitutional rights of the people.

“On the eve of the 102nd anniversary of our state ratifying the right to vote for women, we have Republican legislators dangerously eroding our democracy.

“At a time when our national institutions are under attack, we should be working to restore people’s faith in the democratic process by expanding access to voting. These bills achieve the opposite. They disenfranchise vulnerable voters and sow distrust in our fair and safe electoral system. Of the millions of votes cast in Wisconsin in 2020, just 29 were highlighted as suspicious.

“While these bills are likely to be vetoed by Governor Evers, we must still hold Republicans accountable for their partisan schemes that endanger our democracy. No matter how sweet their rhetoric, these bills, and their words are bitter poison.”

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