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BPDD Supports Governor's Veto of Restrictive Voting Bills

(MADISON) – The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities thanks Governor Evers for today's veto of a package of voting bills that would have restricted the ability of eligible voters with disabilities, older adults and many others in Wisconsin to cast their ballots.

These bills would:

- Limit who can assist a person returning an absentee ballot.
- Restrict workers in nursing homes and group homes from offering assistance with voting
- Put volunteers, clerks, and others at risk for prosecution for voting violations; and
- Create new barriers for "Indefinitely Confined" voters and eliminate the option to be a permanent absentee voter.

Voters with disabilities already experience additional burdens and barriers to voting. BPDD encourages the Legislature to work with the disability and aging communities on bills that would make it easier for eligible people with disabilities and older adults to vote.