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Rep. Duchow Statement on Veto of Election Reform Legislation

MADISON – Rep. Duchow (R-Delafield) released the following statement after Governor Evers vetoed Senate Bill 205, which Rep. Duchow authored that sought to protect residents of Wisconsin’s long-term care facilities from undue influence while casting their ballot:

“Once again, Governor Evers has chosen to align himself with partisan special interests at the expense of some of Wisconsin’s most vulnerable citizens. This common sense legislation not only sought to increase the confidence in the voting process by both residents of long-term care facilities and their families, but also aimed to protect long-term care residents from undue influence while casting their ballot.”

Senate Bill 205 is part of a comprehensive package of election reform bills that includes closing voter ID loopholes, standardizing procedures for ballot collecting, establishing a uniform observation distance for recount observers, and guaranteeing only the voter can make corrections on their own ballot.

“The constitutional right to vote must continue to be protected, and these reforms would have ensured everyone is operating under the same set of rules. Governor Evers wants to keep Wisconsin at an unsustainable status quo and refuses to address the increasing concerns that Wisconsin voters have in the honesty of our elections.”

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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.