



*State Senator
Jon Erpenbach*

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Kevin J. Kennedy
Executive Director
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Dear Kevin:

I would like to commend you for identifying a potential concern with Wisconsin Act 451. When the committee allowed the use of a bank statement as identifying information, its intent was to make sure that voters had as many options as possible to provide proof of residence when registering to vote.

I would encourage the State Elections Board to direct municipal clerks to redact any account numbers on financial statements when an open records request is made. It is my understanding that it is already the practice of municipal clerks to redact identifying information such as the date of birth, driver's license number, and the last four digits of one's Social Security number.

It is important that we do all that we can to protect Wisconsin voters against any potential threat of identity theft or fraud. Until the Legislature convenes again in January and can address the issue in statute, I would encourage the Elections Board to use all of their authority to prevent the release of financial account information.

Sincerely,

JON ERPENBACH
State Senator
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cc: Elections Board Members