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July 22, 2003

The Honorable Michael Ellis  
State Senator  
Chairman, Committee on Education, Ethics, and Elections  
118 South, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Senator Ellis:

We would like to request a hearing on Assembly Bill 175 relating to mailing, transmittal, and witnessing of absentee ballots. This bill passed the Assembly on June 24<sup>th</sup> and was referred to your committee on June 26<sup>th</sup>. As we are sure you are aware, during a recent special election in Milwaukee, a non-profit organization solicited absentee ballot requests on behalf of citizens they met going door-to-door. This has since resulted in a 92-count criminal complaint against 8 workers. The complaint alleges that the workers forged signatures, voted on behalf of non-existent people and submitted votes from phony addresses. Assembly Bill 175 will eliminate the loophole that the organization took advantage of, by only allowing absentee ballots to be mailed to a voter's home or temporary residence. We feel that AB 175 will ensure that each voter has the opportunity to vote in a fair manner, while at the same time, preventing access to absentee ballots by so-called middlemen.

We have enclosed a copy of the most recent article regarding the Milwaukee situation. Your consideration of this bill for a hearing would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Ladwig  
State Representative  
63<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District

Alberta Darling  
State Senator  
8<sup>th</sup> Senate District

BLL:sep

Cc: Representative Steve Foti, Assembly Majority Leader