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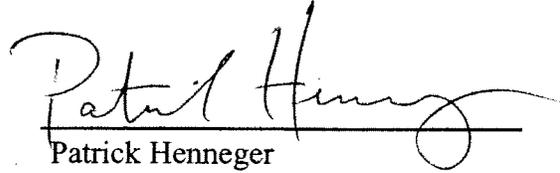
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Ayes: (4) Senators Reynolds, Lazich, Kanavas and
Carpenter.

Noes: (1) Senator Hansen.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 1

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patrick Henneger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Patrick Henneger
Committee Clerk





Mary Lazich

Wisconsin State Senator

Senate District 28

2005 Senate Bill 119 Testimony
Senate Labor and Election Process Reform Committee
March 22, 2005

Thank you for holding a public hearing on Senate Bill 119. Senate Bill 119 provides federal funding for photo identification cards that may be provided without charge by the Department of Transportation. Congress passed the Help America Vote Act, or HAVA, during October 2002 making reforms to the nation's voting process. There are two main components to the HAVA act. One is overall improvement to elections administration, that can be accomplished at the discretion of each state as funding allows, and the other includes specific HAVA mandates, such as the Statewide Voter Registration System. Wisconsin has received approximately \$50 million to meet these requirements. Included in the \$50 million is \$5.7 million in Title I, Section 101, Election Administration Improvement funds. Title I funds do not require a state match. Qualified expenditures include the improvement of election administration, voter education, training for election officials and poll workers, and improving polling place accessibility.

Senate Bill 119 appropriates up to \$250,000 per year of Title I HAVA funds to compensate the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the cost of providing identification cards without cost to voters requesting them pursuant to Senate Bill 42 (SB 42) and Assembly Bill 63 (AB 63), the photo identification legislation. DOT is required to certify to the Elections Board its costs incurred in issuing identification cards without charge and will be reimbursed for the cost. The Elections board must certify to DOT the amount of costs that the board determines to be correct. Legal staff with the Federal Elections Assistance Commission, the agency responsible for oversight of HAVA, has submitted to me in writing that this is a legitimate and permissible use of HAVA funds. This bill is contingent on the passage of the SB 42 or AB 63 – the photo identification legislation, before the committee today.

I request the members of the committee to support passage of this bill along with the photo identification legislation. These measures are to ensure integrity in our elections.

