

Rep. Michael Nelson

Chair

House State Government Finance Division

Re: HF3499 (A5) - to be heard 4/16/20

Dear Chair Nelson:

I am writing to express my strongest support for voting by mail during these unprecedented times. There is no citizen right that supersedes our right to vote and that right will be dangerously at risk if we do not have the ability to vote by mail.

It is vital that the legislature release the federal monies available so that the Secretary of State can take the necessary actions. It is better to make the preparations now rather than spending untold additional money later to try and catch up.

We hope that polling places will remain open for those who cannot vote by mail but we simply cannot risk having the fundamental breakdown in democracy that was recently inflicted on Wisconsin voters.

Thank you for supporting this important action during these difficult times.

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