



# Wisconsin Elections Commission

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September 27, 2024

Jonathan Moseley & Luke Bunting  
Republican National Committee  
310 First Street SE  
Washington D.C. 20003

Re: False Claims About Wisconsin Absentee Ballots

Dear Mr. Moseley and Mr. Bunting:

In Wisconsin, only active, registered voters may request a ballot and have their vote counted. Individuals with an inactive voter record are not allowed to request or cast a ballot. Officials with the statutory authority to modify the statewide registration list may change a voter's registration status from eligible (active) to ineligible (inactive). Eligible records are registered to vote, appear on pollbooks, and can cast a ballot in statewide elections. Ineligible records are not registered to vote, do not appear on pollbooks, and cannot cast a ballot in Wisconsin elections.

Importantly, you are examining records where a voter's status changed to inactive after the ballot was requested. In these cases, the ballot is nearly always rendered void and will show a ballot status of "inactive." An inactive ballot is void and cannot be counted if returned. Column AD in your report contains the ballot status.

After requesting a ballot, a voter's status may change to inactive for any number of common reasons. For example, voter number 701122177 was a longtime voter with an absentee request on file. The municipality mailed him a ballot on 9/10/2024. Eight days later, the municipality learned the voter had passed. The municipality therefore changed the voter status to Inactive (deceased) and changed the ballot status to Inactive (void). Your report clearly reflects this information. Even if this ballot were returned to the clerk, it would be set aside and not be counted.

Likewise, the status of Inactive (Merged) indicates that the voter re-registered at a new address. If the new address is in a different jurisdiction, they will need a new ballot, and their old ballot is marked inactive (void). If the new address is in the same jurisdiction, they may not require a new ballot.

Your data request of 9/26/2024 (#13959) asked for records of all absentee ballots mailed to voters, regardless of whether the ballot was subsequently rendered void. That is why your report contains inactive

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voters. If you wish to only receive active ballots in your future data requests, you may so specify when requesting the data.

We offer that, in the future, we would appreciate if you would call us before publishing a letter which inaccurately portrays the data you received from our office. Should you have questions about how to read a report in the future, we are happy to assist. You may also wish to first consult with the Republican Party of Wisconsin, which is familiar with Wisconsin elections data and understands how to read Wisconsin absentee ballot reports.

Sincerely,

/s/ Meagan Wolfe

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