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RE: Cease and Desist False Statements

Dear Susan Crawford,

I write to remind that all sitting and prospective justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court have a solemn duty to uphold the highest ethical standards, particularly during judicial campaigns. As a candidate for the state's highest judicial body, you bare a unique responsibility to maintain public confidence in the integrity, impartiality, and independence of the judiciary. Campaigns for seats on the Supreme Court must be beyond reproach, consistent with the Wisconsin Code of Judicial Conduct.

Judicial candidates, including incumbents and challengers, must refrain from making false, misleading, or deceptive statements. SCR 60.06 explicitly prohibits judicial candidates from knowingly misrepresenting any fact concerning themselves, their opponents, or matters relevant to the campaign. Any deviation from this standard not only undermines the credibility of the judiciary but also erodes public trust in the court's ability to administer fair and impartial justice.

Furthermore, as stated in SCR 60.03, candidates for Supreme Court Justice must avoid even the appearance of impropriety. The Wisconsin Supreme Court is not a legislative or executive body; it is an institution that must rise above political fray to maintain the rule of law.

In particular, you have made specific accusations against your opponent Brad Schimel that appear to be false.

RAPE: You have attacked Schimel for ignoring Rape cases and in particular for not addressing several thousand rape Kits. This statement is false. The facts appear to be that for decades many rape kits were stored and not tested. When Brad Schimel became Attorney General in early 2015, he inherited about 6000 kits that had not been tested. By the end of Schimel's term in office, every kit that needed to be tested was tested, and a process was put in place to ensure that testing of kits would continue in the future to prevent a backlog.

ABORTION: You have advertised that Schimel supports the 1849 Abortion Law. This statement is false. Schimel has repeatedly stated that he has no position on Abortion. He has

strongly suggested that in the future any Abortion law should be decided by a public referendum or legislative action which supports what the citizens of Wisconsin want. Like any law, Schimel has promised to support the will of the Wisconsin voters.

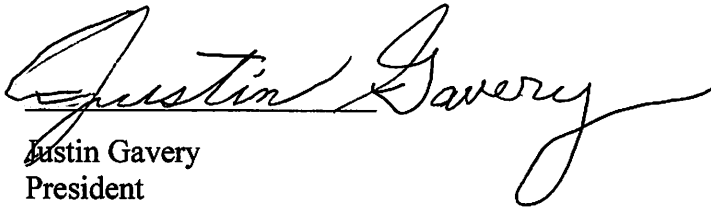
VOTER SUPPRESSION: You have advertised that Schimel supports Voter Suppression. This statement is false. Voter suppression is the unlawful interference with the exercise of a person's right to vote. Schimel has never supported the suppression of voting.

SOFT ON CRIME: You and/ or your supporters have accused Schimel of being soft on crime. The statement is so misleading to the electorate as to be false: Schimel did not cut a deal for a child pornographer. The 20-year old offender was required to plead to the original felony charge. Sentencing was the judge's responsibility. The judge did not even impose the punishment that Schimel recommended.

Please stop and desist from any further contact with others, public or private, until you have reviewed the above matters and you can verify that they are truthful statements. The people of Wisconsin deserve nothing less.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Justin Gavery". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Justin Gavery
President
Fair Elections Wisconsin, Inc.