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Wasserman Apathetic about Voter Fraud

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GERMANTOWN... With criminal charges pending against dozens of voter registration workers from two liberal groups for filling out fraudulent voter registration cards for dead, imprisoned or made-up people, Representative Sheldon Wasserman responded with apathy.

When asked by WISN in Milwaukee recently if election fraud is a serious concern, Wasserman replied, "Where's the data? Where's the proof? ... If there's gonna be fraud, there's gonna be fraud. There's fraud in everything." But Alberta Darling, noting that an overwhelming majority of the public supports voter ID, strongly believes that voter fraud is a serious problem that disenfranchises legitimate voters.

A report issued by Milwaukee police investigators in February says that requiring voters to show a photo ID would cut down on voter fraud. But Representative Sheldon Wasserman is at odds with the clean-election recommendations, having consistently voted against bills that would require voters to show a photo ID.

Wasserman voted against AJR 17, which would give voters the chance to approve a state constitutional amendment requiring photo ID to vote or to register to vote in Wisconsin. Senator Alberta Darling is a cosponsor of the bill, and has always voted in favor of voter ID.

Wasserman voted five times against requiring photo ID:

- 07AJR17 second consideration requiring photo ID to vote (4/17/07 54-43 SW: No)
- 05AJR36 requires photo ID to vote (11/1/05, 57-36, Wasserman: No)
- 05AB63 ID required for voting (2/24/05, 64-33, Wasserman: No)
- 05SB42 ID required for voting in elections (6/23/05, 63-42, Wasserman: No)
- 03AB111, ID to vote at a polling place (3/13/03, 60-34, Wasserman: No)

In Wisconsin, it was recently reported that 22%, or 1 in 5 of the 19,470 "new" voters registered in the month of August did not match driver or Social Security Records. "Voter fraud could have sweeping implications for state and national elections, where in some states voter drives have added hundreds of thousands of 'new' voters to the voter rolls," said Darling. "People want to know that their vote means something, and not be cancelled out by groups of people here to commit voter fraud."

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