



Rep. Michael Nelson, Chair

House State Government Finance Division

Re: HF3499 (A5) – to be heard 4/16/2020

The long lines of voters risking their health to cast ballots in Wisconsin underscored the necessity to safeguard community health while we encourage full participation in Minnesota elections. It is a matter of life and death, literally, as well of shoring up the foundation of our democracy.

As a board member of Minnesota Citizens for Clean Elections I share the organization's passionate support for allowing voting by mail during the current crisis and creating a model for use in future times of trouble. This will not be last time that our franchise is threatened. Please ensure that clear guidelines are in place, that safe facilities are available for all voters, and that funding is adequate to our needs.

Thank you for your work on this fundamentally important issue.

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