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## UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS JOINTLY ANNOUNCE ELECTION DAY PROGRAM

Madison, Wis. --- United States Attorney John W. Vaudreuil of the Western District of Wisconsin and United States Attorney James L. Santelle of the Eastern District of Wisconsin announced today that they have appointed Assistant U.S. Attorneys to lead the efforts of their respective offices in connection with the Justice Department's nationwide Election Day Program for the upcoming November 2, 2010 election.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter Jarosz has been appointed to serve as the Election Officer for the Western District of Wisconsin, which covers Madison and approximately the western two-thirds of the state. Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Frohling has been appointed to serve as the Election Officer for the Eastern District, which covers Milwaukee and approximately the eastern one-third of the state. As Election Officers, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jarosz and Frohling are responsible for overseeing their District's handling of complaints of election fraud and voting rights abuses in consultation with Justice Department headquarters in Washington.

United States Attorney Vaudreuil said, "Every citizen must be able to vote without interference or discrimination and to have that vote counted without it being stolen because of fraud. The Department of Justice will act promptly and aggressively to protect the integrity of the election process."

United States Attorney Santelle added, "The franchise is the cornerstone of American democracy. We all must ensure that those who are entitled to the franchise exercise it if they choose, and that those who seek to corrupt it are brought to justice."

Eight years ago, the Justice Department established a nationwide Ballot Access and Voting Integrity Initiative. The goals of this ongoing Initiative are to increase the Department's ability to deter election fraud and discrimination at the polls and to prosecute these offenses whenever and wherever they occur. The Department's 2010 Election Day Program furthers these goals, and also seeks to ensure public confidence

in the integrity of the election process by providing local points of contact within the Department for the public to report possible election fraud and voting rights violations while the polls are open on election day.

In order to respond to complaints of election fraud or voting rights abuses on November 2, 2010, and to ensure that such complaints are directed to the appropriate authorities, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jarosz and Frohling will be on duty in their districts while the polls are open. Jarosz can be reached by calling (608) 264-5158 and Frohling can be reached by calling (414) 297-4528.

In addition, the Federal Bureau of Investigation will have Special Agents available in each Field Office and Resident Agency throughout the country to receive allegations of election fraud and other election abuses on election day. The FBI in Madison can be reached by calling (608) 833-4600. The FBI in Milwaukee can be reached by calling (414) 276-4684.

Complaints about ballot access problems or discrimination can be made directly to the Civil Rights Division's Voting Section in Washington at (800) 253-3931 or (202) 307-2767.

In a joint statement, United States Attorneys Vaudreuil and Santelle explained, "The effectiveness of our Election Day Program depends in large part on the watchfulness and cooperation of the American electorate. It is imperative that anyone with specific information about discrimination or election fraud makes that information available immediately to our offices, the FBI, or the Civil Rights Division."

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