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WISCONSIN GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD REMOVES CANDIDATE FROM BALLOT IN THE 13TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT & UPHOLDS BALLOT ACCESS FOR 5TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE

Madison, WI – July 21, 2010 – The Wisconsin Government Accountability Board (“GAB”) today removed Paris Procopis, Republican candidate for the 13th Assembly District from the fall ballot. Procopis initially submitted nomination papers containing 200 signatures, the minimum required for ballot access for Assembly candidates. Nicholl Caruso, Executive Director of the Assembly Democratic Campaign Committee (*ADCC*) through her attorneys Maistelman & Associates, LLC successfully argued to keep Procopis off the fall ballot for his failure to comply with Wisconsin Elections Laws. *See* Complaint <http://gab.wi.gov/node/1225>

State Representative David Cullen currently serves the 13th Assembly District and has done so continuously since May 1990. Cullen is up for reelection this fall.

Also today, the GAB dismissed the Republican Party of Wisconsin’s attempt to deny ballot access to Todd Kolosso, Democratic Congressional candidate for the 5th District. Maistelman & Associates, LLC assisted Kolosso in fighting back the meritless and legally insufficient arguments made to deny the will of the electorate in Wisconsin’s 5th Congressional District.

In one example of its spurious arguments, the Complainant unsuccessfully attempted to convince the GAB to remove 51 signatures from Kolosso’s Nomination pages because those individuals signed their names by *printing* rather than using *cursive*. “The law on this issue has been clear for many, many years” said Attorney Mike Maistelman. “It is irresponsible of the Complainant to waste the public’s resources on such frivolous complaints” stated Maistelman. *See* Complaint <http://gab.wi.gov/node/1229>

Kolosso faces Jim Sensenbrenner in the fall election. More info: <http://kolossoforcongress.com/>

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