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League Rejects Myth of Voter Fraud
Responds to comments by Reince Priebus

MADISON: The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin was dismayed to learn that in an interview on national television last Friday, Republican National Committee Chair Reince Priebus continued to spread the myth that the Wisconsin election system has been “absolutely riddled with voter fraud.” (12/3/11 interview with Martin Bashir on MSNBC)

“It is absurd for Mr. Priebus to make such an assertion, for which there is not a shred of credible evidence. His comments are an insult to Wisconsin’s 1,850 municipal clerks who administer our clean elections and to the thousands of election officials who staff the polls so citizens can vote on Election Day,” said Melanie G. Ramey, President of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin has long held a reputation nationally for honest, open and fair elections. We have had high voter participation and very few problems. In the 2008 election, there were only 26 cases of illegal voting identified out of approximately 3 million ballots cast in our state, or about 0.0009%. Most of those illegal votes were felons who were still on probation. Significantly, there have been no convictions in our state – nor even any charges – of voter impersonation, which is the only type of illegal voting that Wisconsin’s new photo ID law could possibly address.

“It’s terrible that anyone would want to promote a myth that Wisconsin’s elections have not been legitimate. It’s even worse that this fiction has been used to justify passage of a restrictive photo ID law that will make voting difficult or impossible for many eligible citizens in our state,” Ramey said.

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Network is challenging the voter ID law based on the state constitution. For more information, see <http://www.lwvwi.org>.

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