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April 20, 2011

Mr. Kevin Kennedy  
Director and General Counsel  
Wisconsin Government Accountability Board  
212 East Washington Avenue, Third Floor  
P.O. Box 7984  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7984

Re: Complaint filed by Melissa Mulliken Regarding Waukesha County Clerk

Mr. Kevin Kennedy  
Director and General Counsel  
Wisconsin Government Accountability Board  
212 East Washington Avenue, Third Floor  
P.O. Box 7984  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7984

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Filed herewith is a complaint by Melissa Mulliken, Manager of The Kloppenburg for Justice Committee, alleging violations of elections law by Waukesha County Clerk Kathy Nickolaus. I will serve as attorney of record for the complainant in this matter. Please direct any notices or inquiries related to the Government Accountability Board's actions in the matter to my attention at the above address.

In addition, I write to articulate the compelling need in this case for the Government Accountability Board (hereafter "Board") to appoint a special investigator to ensure that the investigation of this matter is thorough,

objective, and credible. While the Board is authorized to direct GAB staff to conduct such an investigation, the circumstances here, as discussed below, demand the appointment of a special investigator to avoid any appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest. Please distribute this letter to the members of the Board for their consideration when the Board takes up the complaint.

In the days following Ms. Nickolaus' press conference on April 7, 2011, at which she announced that her report of the Waukesha County election results had omitted the votes for the entire City of Brookfield, several county clerks sent email messages to Ms. Nickolaus accepting her explanation of "human error" and expressing their sympathy and support for her (*see* attached Exh. A). The county clerks across the state appear to be a close-knit group. GAB staff, by necessity, have frequent interactions with all of the county clerks relating to elections. It is natural that these frequent professional interactions develop into friendship and mutual trust between GAB staff and the county clerks. The GAB staff have a legitimate business need to maintain their close working relationship with all of the county clerks. This need conflicts directly with the need for a thorough, objective investigation into a county clerk's possible misconduct, abuse of discretion, and violations of state law that could result in civil or criminal sanctions.

You personally made public statements expressing your continuing confidence in Ms. Nickolaus, despite your disappointment that she had failed to promptly disclose the misreported results to you. The GAB staff's dismay at Ms. Nickolaus' failure to report the change in the Waukesha County results to GAB is documented in an email sent by Elections Division Administrator Nathaniel Robinson to Ms. Nickolaus on April 7 (*see* attached Exh. B).

The GAB staff's alliance with the county clerk is also documented in an email from David Buerger, a GAB election specialist, to Ms. Nickolaus on April 8, 2011, expressing his support and appreciation for Ms. Nickolaus, in response to an email from a citizen who criticized her performance in the spring election (*see* attached Exh. C).

Finally, the district attorney of Waukesha County, Brad Schimel, sent Ms. Nickolaus an email on April 8, 2011, complimenting her on how she "handled" the press conference, stating "I think it will be ok," and urging her to "keep [her] chin up" (*see* attached Exh. D). By statute, the Waukesha District Attorney ordinarily would be responsible for prosecuting any civil or criminal violations resulting from an investigation into Ms. Nickolaus' conduct, and would likely be involved in such an investigation. The email discloses Mr. Schimel's existing relationship, bias, and conflict of interest with respect to Ms. Nickolaus, which precludes his office's involvement in an investigation.

The relationship of mutual trust and confidence between the GAB staff and the county clerks, in particular Ms. Nickolaus, undermines the GAB staff's effectiveness and credibility in conducting an investigation into Ms. Nickolaus' actions relating to the spring election. The appointment of an unbiased investigator with no ties or existing relationship to Ms. Nickolaus or to Waukesha County is necessary to ensure public confidence in the outcome of the investigation. As you are no doubt aware, many members of the public are skeptical of the election results and will be skeptical of the results of any investigation that is not conducted with the utmost concern for even the appearance of bias.

We are aware that the GAB staff has already initiated an "investigation into issues related to the reporting of vote totals on Election Night and reports from the 2006 election posted on the Waukesha County website," as stated in a press release issued by your office on April 18, 2011. The Kloppenburg campaign acknowledges and appreciates your office's good faith and accountability in undertaking this investigation. However, for the reasons articulated above, we strongly urge the Board to appoint an outside investigator as soon as possible to take over the portion of the investigation relating to the spring 2011 election.

We look forward to receiving notice of the Board's action on Ms. Mulliken's complaint and its decision with regard to the appointment of a special investigator. Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Crawford

cc: JoAnne Kloppenburg  
Melissa Mulliken

**From:** Scott Fibert <SFibert@bayfieldcounty.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2011 9:09 AM  
**To:** Nickolaus, Kathy <KNickolaus@waukeshacounty.gov>  
**Subject:**

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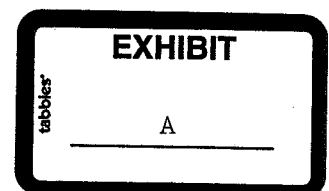
Hi Kathy,

I may be a Democrat and hoped things turned out differently but I don't believe you have a crooked bone in your body. I think it is a shame that people and press are allowed to take unofficial results and use them against clerks when the canvass is completed. The whole purpose of the canvass is to make the counts official and that is where our accountability should begin. Election night results go from Chief Inspector to Clerks Office to person entering on spreadsheet to clerk to AP and then the AP person enters the results. Should County Clerk's be responsible for all of this handling of unofficial results? Of course we should do our best but things can and will happen before canvass.

I'm not sure any of this helps you at this point but at a point where people are making you second guess yourself I believe in you and I would have you on my team anytime.

Hang in there,

Scott



**From:** Hinrichs, Wanda <whinrichs@burnettcounty.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2011 12:52 PM  
**To:** Nickolaus, Kathy <KNickolaus@waukeshacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Words of Support

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Hi Kathy....I'm sure you are being flooded with emails, but I felt the need to let you know how much I am thinking of you and if there is anything I can do, say, write to support you in this, I would be happy to.

We were in this spot sort of, three years ago with a supervisor's race where my deputy inverted a number when entering the results on election night into our web page report. It made for the incumbent winning the race. Then at canvass it was found, and he lost by 5. Not a good time. We had a recount and an ugly cloud for a little bit. BUT...that is why the results are UNOFFICIAL and why we have canvasses. Because we are all human and we have checks and balances put in place to find errors and correct them. So the process worked....the checks and balances worked.....the canvass works. What more is there to say or question?

Good luck, keep your head high and know that we are all behind you and here to support you.

*Wanda Hinrichs*

Burnett County Clerk  
7410 County Rd. K, #105  
Siren, WI 54872  
PHONE 715-349-2173  
FAX 715-349-2169

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**From:** Nickolaus, Kathy  
**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2011 10:11 AM  
**To:** 'LAU, JILL' <jlau@co.door.wi.us>  
**Subject:** RE: Thinking of You...

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Thanks

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**From:** LAU, JILL [mailto:jlau@co.door.wi.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 08, 2011 8:49 AM  
**To:** Nickolaus, Kathy  
**Subject:** Thinking of You...

Kathy –

Keep your head held high....unfortunately, human error is inevitable. I want you to know I'm thinking of you and can't imagine what you are going through. Stay positive, you will get through this.

*Jill*

Jill M. Lau  
Door County Clerk  
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**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2011 2:02 PM  
**To:** Nickolaus, Kathy <KNickolaus@waukeshacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Stay Strong

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Kathy.

We are all behind you. As a County Clerk, we understand how hectic things are on election night and how easily something like this can happen. Stand tall, stay strong and don't let them get you down.

Chris Jensen  
Clark County Clerk

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**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2011 11:28 AM  
**To:** Nickolaus, Kathy <KNickolaus@waukeshacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Thinking of you.

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Just wanted you to know I am thinking of you. Take care!

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Ann Mihalko  
Forest County Clerk  
200 E. Madison St.  
Crandon, WI 54520  
715-478-2422



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**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2011 4:19 PM  
**To:** Nickolaus, Kathy <KNickolaus@waukeshacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Sorry to Hear

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Hi Kathy,

I am sorry to hear of your troubles. Hang in there! We all make mistakes. The current political climate is particularly nasty and I sorry that you got caught in it. Hold your head up because you have given a lot of years to the County and they should understand.

Take care.

**Donna J. Seddon**  
**Marquette County Clerk**  
**77 W. Park Street, PO Box 186**  
**Montello, WI. 53949**  
**608-297-3016**  
**Fax: 608-297-7606**  
**E-mail: dseddon@co.marquette.wi.us**

**From:** Nickolaus, Kathy  
**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2011 9:03 AM  
**To:** 'Julie Winkelhorst' <jwinkelhorst@co.ozaukee.wi.us>  
**Subject:** RE: NEWS CONFERENCE

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Thanks

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**From:** Julie Winkelhorst [mailto:jwinkelhorst@co.ozaukee.wi.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 08, 2011 8:56 AM  
**To:** Nickolaus, Kathy  
**Subject:** NEWS CONFERENCE

Hi Kathy – It was very nice of Denise to explain but I had already saw the news conference and thought you did an awesome job!! My heart went out to you having to face that criticism. I also sent out an email to my County Board in advance of any possible questions to explain how our process differs, but totally in support of you and that it was human error. This was not about equipment, ballots or partisan politics. You did a great job!!

Julie

*Julianne B. Winkelhorst*  
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website: [www.co.ozaukee.wi.us](http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us)

**From:** Nickolaus, Kathy  
**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2011 11:00 AM  
**To:** 'Kim Pytleski' <kim.pytleski@co.oconto.wi.us>  
**Subject:** RE: hi

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Thanks

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**From:** Kim Pytleski [mailto:kim.pytleski@co.oconto.wi.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 08, 2011 10:10 AM  
**To:** Nickolaus, Kathy  
**Subject:** hi

Just dropping you a line to say hi. You're a tough cookie – hang in there!! Call if you need anything!

*Kim Pytleski  
County Clerk  
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**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2011 1:43 PM  
**To:** Nickolaus, Kathy <KNickolaus@waukeshacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** good day

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Kathy,

Hope you having a good (or at least better) day!!

*Jean Gottwald*  
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**Cc:** Lisa Weiner <lweiner@milwcnty.com>  
**Subject:** Voting Count Error - Waukesha County

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Good Morning Fellow Clerks,

I'm sending this out to all of you to explain a little on what happened to Kathy during the election and the program that she uses when collecting vote totals.

Please note that the program Kathy uses IS NOT the new canvass reporting program that is in the SVRS system that we all have been using as of late. It is a completely different program that was created by GAB for Kathy to accumulate her votes prior to uploading them into the program that the rest of us use. During this other process used by Kathy when she received the votes from the municipality and recorded them into her program she thought that they were saved along with the other totals when she reported her election night results and had no idea that they were not in there. However, this particular municipalities totals did not get saved into her program therefore ending up with that municipalities votes not being reported correctly and her total count being off.

We all know how busy and hectic it is on election night after the poll close with the different media types, candidates and others wanting to know the outcome of an election. As always we all strive to do the best we can during any election process but we are human and we do make mistakes from time to time no matter how careful we try and be. I know I made different mistakes during this election they were just different ones than this and who hasn't made mistakes during an election anyway? Also our vote count was off by 31 one votes due to a municipality calling in the incorrect totals on election night so my county was on the news as well for an error in reporting the correct totals.

I'm here for Kathy as well as the rest of my fellow clerks. We do the job to the best of our ability and the only ones that know how much hard work, long hours, stressfulness, and dedication we put into an election is a fellow clerk. Best of luck to all of us on this election as well as any others.

Thank You,  
Denise

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**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2011 2:13 PM  
**To:** 'David Alleman' <daalle@co.vilas.wi.us>  
**Subject:** RE: Waukesha County

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Thanks

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**From:** David Alleman [mailto:daalle@co.vilas.wi.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 08, 2011 1:40 PM  
**To:** SFrion@co.chippewa.wi.us; Ann Milhalko; Barbara Frank; BMielke@co.sauk.wi.us; Brenda Jaszewski; Bruce Strama; Christensen, Nancy J.; Christina Jensen; Cindy Campbell; Cindy Meyers; Cindy Phillippi; DeeAnn Cook; Donna Seddon; dwetzel@ruskcountywi.us; Ertmer, Sue; Geraldine Meyer; Ginny Dankmeyer; Greg Klusendorf; hauser.beth@co.calumet.wi.us; Jamie Aulik; Jamie Feuerhelm; Janet Geisler; janet.loomis@co.eau-claire.wi.us; jczarnezki@milwcnty.com; Jean Gottwald; jlau@co.door.wi.us; Julie Glancy; jwinkelhorst@co.ozaukee.wi.us; Karen Gibson; Kathleen Kobylski (jcclerk@co.juneau.wi.co); Kathy Brandt (mcclerk@marinettecounty.org); Nickolaus, Kathy; kbushy@co.walworth.wi.us; Kim Pytleski; KJacob@co.lanlade.wi.us; Kris Mayberry; Kyle Deno; Linda Bawden; Linda Gebhard; Linda Teske; Lisa Freiberg; Lynn Hoeppner; Marcia Bauer; Mary Bartelt; Mary Krebs (mkrebs@co.kenosha.wi.co); Mary Robbins; mbostelmann@co.green-lake.wi.us; MelanieS.COURTHOUSE@co.waushara.wi.us; mhoyt@co.dunn.wi.us; Michael Doyle; Michael Saari; Nan Kottke; Ohlsen, Robert; Patricia Somppi; Polk County Carole Wondra; Ron Hoff; Rosemary Bohm; roxann.halverson@buffalocounty.com; ruthwa@co.menominee.wi.us; Scott Fibert; Sheila Pudelko; Shelly Bohl; simoniss@co.portage.wi.us; stottler@co.rock.wi.us; Sue Sandvick; sue.moll@co.columbia.wi.us; Trempealeau County Clerk; Victor Vlasak; Wendy Christensen; whinrichs@burnettcounty.org  
**Subject:** Waukesha County

Hi:

I have to agree with Denise, some mistakes, no matter how large, are unavoidable in the heat of battle. I have nowhere near the number of returns that Kathy deals with; Vilas only voted about 6800 people on April 5. Still an above normal turnout. One of my largest towns ran out of ballots about 5 PM. They used the touch screen and copied paper ballots. Everybody that wanted to vote did; no one was turned away. WisPolitic picked up the story and I was slammed Tuesday night with some pretty ugly emails accusing me of incompetence and calling for my removal. 2 years ago in a like election, with a supreme court race and local contests on the ballot, this town turned out 449 voters. They had been given 500 ballots, too close for my comfort. This election, the supreme court race was the only item on that town's ballot, no other contests at all. I gave them 750 ballots and 976 people voted. Go figure. Of course, the political ads, which were relentless, began in this media market well after the ballots were ordered and delivered. I know how I felt Tuesday night and I can't imagine the grief that Kathy is going through right now. We all need to stand behind her.

*David R. Alleman*  
Vilas County Clerk  
330 Court Street  
Eagle River, WI 54521  
715.479.3602  
daalle@co.vilas.wi.us

**From:** Cindy Cepass <ccepress@co.wood.wi.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2011 8:07 AM  
**To:** Nickolaus, Kathy <KNickolaus@waukeshacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** We're with you!!!

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We all know it could happen to anyone. Our support is with you. Good thoughts going out to you!!!!!!

Cindy Cepass  
Wood County Clerk  
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<http://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/Clerk/>  
715-421-8460  
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**From:** Robinson, Nathaniel E - GAB <Nathaniel.Robinson@Wisconsin.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 7, 2011 5:44 PM  
**To:** Nickolaus, Kathy <KNickolaus@waukeshacounty.gov>  
**Cc:** Kennedy, Kevin - GAB <Kevin.Kennedy@Wisconsin.gov>  
**Subject:** Follow-up

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Hello Kathy,

Thank you for your effort to reach Kevin, and for sharing information with Adam Harvell about changes in Waukesha County canvass numbers. Given this critical importance and impact of this information to plans that are being frantically pursued to administer a statewide recount, Kevin and I wish you had asked Adam or whomever else you may have spoken to in our office to, to find either of us so we could have personally conversed with you.

The information you shared with Adam is likely to be a game-changer regarding the need to administer a statewide recount that we are focused on right now. When I learned about your conversation from Adam, at around 5:05 p.m. this evening, I tried to call you to get a heads-up about this situation, you would not take my call. Given the gravity of this situation, I am disappointed that you did not take a minute or two to share the gist of the situation. I am disappointed that we are relegated to having to wait until after your news conference to learn more about this matter.

Please return my call at **608 267 0715**. Thanks!

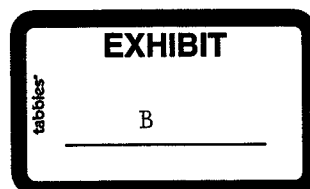
Best wishes and kind regards,  
Nat

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**Nathaniel E. Robinson**  
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Government Accountability Board  
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608 267 0715 (LAN)  
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**From:** Buerger, David - GAB <David.Buerger@Wisconsin.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2011 7:21 AM  
**To:** Nickolaus, Kathy <KNickolaus@waukeshacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Resign Immediately

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Kathy,

I just wanted to personally express my support for you and your office. I know how busy and stressful elections can be and appreciate that mistakes are made at every election. You were absolutely right that this is why we have a robust canvass process to verify the totals reported on Election Night. I appreciate you coming forward and accepting responsibility for this mistake. While you may have been a critic of our agency at times, I have always appreciated your candor. If there is anything I can do to help you or your office in this time, please let me know.

Sincerely,

David Buerger  
Elections Specialist  
Wisconsin Government Accountability Board  
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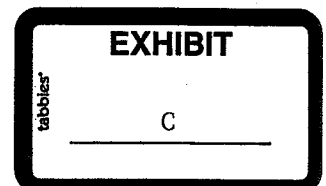
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**Subject:** Resign Immediately

Dear Mrs. Nickolaus,

Please resign immediately. The people of Waukesha County and the state of Wisconsin deserve better. You have compromised the integrity of the election process and have shown that you are not qualified to take my order at McDonald's after this debacle. My concern is that from my limited knowledge of computers is that when you upload a spreadsheet into access it immediately populates the tables and automatically saves them. We will never know the truth whether or not you or someone else has tampered with the numbers for the recent election for Supreme Court Justice for the State of Wisconsin in Waukesha County. You have no backup or proof of your claim. You or someone else have had two days to do whatever to this system. This is a black eye on the entire election and reflects very poorly on the entire state and the election process. You should be ashamed and held accountable for your incompetence if not corrupt behavior. I would like a formal investigation launched by the state and federal officials over this issue.

Thank you for your time.

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**From:** Schimel, Brad <Brad.Schimel@da.wi.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 8, 2011 8:24 AM  
**To:** Nickolaus, Kathy <KNickolaus@waukeshacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Hang in there

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Kathy,  
You handled everything as well as possible yesterday. I had several events last night, and everyone I spoke with was very understanding about how something like this could happen.  
I think it will be ok. Hang in there and keep your chin up.  
Brad

