

Radio Address - Underscoring Critical Need to Protect Voting Rights in Wisconsin

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers Thursday delivered the Democratic Radio Address on his action earlier this week to veto Republican legislation that attempted to curtail voting rights in the state of Wisconsin. The governor reaffirmed his promise to protect the right of every eligible voter to cast their ballot and to ensure it is easy and accessible for them to do so.

[Audio file of Radio Address](#)

Hey, Wisconsin. Governor Tony Evers here.

In Wisconsin, we're no stranger to politicians trying to abuse their power to change election results they didn't like.

We see it in our maps—some of the most gerrymandered in the nation.

We see it in our photo ID requirement—a law we've had on the books for the better part of a decade now.

And we've seen firsthand as all of this has played out in costly litigation over the years.

But since November 2020, we've watched Republican legislators and governors across the country add more hurdles to voting and abuse their power to try to change election results they didn't like.

And some of those bills have even been introduced right here in Wisconsin.

This week, Legislative Republicans sent several bills to my desk that would've made it harder for folks to cast a ballot in our state.

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These bills would've restricted how an absentee ballot can be returned and by whom, limited municipalities' ability to organize community events to help voters return ballots, and made burdensome changes to the use of indefinitely confined voter status.

That's simply unacceptable.

Democracy isn't something that just happens for us, WE choose to make it happen every day.

When I ran for this office, I promised that I'd work to protect voting rights in our state.

I intend to keep that promise.

That's why I vetoed these bills to curtail our democracy earlier this week, and it's why, as long as I'm governor, I'm going to keep working to protect the right of every eligible voter to cast their ballot and to make sure it is easy and accessible for them to do so.

Thank you.