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To the Honorable Members of the Senate:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 270 in its entirety.

This bill would define the standard of "aggrieved" for the purpose of conferring the right to appeal a decision of the Elections Commission to a Wisconsin circuit court. Current law provides appeal rights to individuals who are "aggrieved" by a commission decision on a complaint, but current law does not define a standard for the term. In *Brown v. Wisconsin Elections Commission*, 2025 WI 5, the Wisconsin Supreme Court held that an individual must suffer an injury to a legally recognized interest to be "aggrieved" for purposes of such appeals. Under the bill, a complainant may appeal any decision from the commission that dismisses a complaint or that does not grant the relief requested in a complaint, regardless of whether the complainant has suffered an injury to a legally recognized interest.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to its elimination of the requirement to demonstrate actual injury to confer standing for judicial review. The judicial process commonly expects that a person filing suit must demonstrate that they have actually been injured, or will be injured, by an action or inaction. I see no reason why there should be an exception here. A person is not injured merely by not receiving the decision they want. Further, if a person has received a decision from the commission that causes injury to any of the person's interests, existing law already provides that person with the ability to appeal that decision to the circuit court.

This bill would open the floodgates to frivolous lawsuits that not only burden our courts, but our election systems as well. Therefore, I must veto this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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Governor