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Re: 2025 Assembly Bill 426

Law Forward supports uniform and nondiscriminatory access for election observers. But the bill language is sufficiently vague and open to interpretation that it invites more election litigation. Moreover, criminalizing violations of election observation requirements only further demonizes election officials, exposing them to even greater risk of harassment than they already face. At a time when the morale of our election officials is already extremely low, Wisconsin does not need legislation that will discourage our current officials from continuing to serve and new individuals from joining the ranks.

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