

July 28, 2022

Mr. Ismael R. Ozanne  
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Dear District Attorney Ozanne:

In February [we wrote](#) to request that you investigate Wisconsin's 10 fraudulent electors, who sought to subvert the 2020 election results by elevating their personal preferences over the will of 3.3 million Wisconsin voters. Following the November 2020 election, a recount, and extensive post-election litigation that repeatedly confirmed the election results, those 10 people impersonated our state's authorized Presidential Electors. They created and transmitted fake documents to Congress, with the purpose of hijacking Wisconsin's role in selecting the next U.S. President. By doing so, they laid the foundation upon which the January 6, 2021 insurrection was built.

**Since our February letter:**

- Law Forward filed a [civil lawsuit](#) outlining the actions of the fraudulent electors, and their alleged violations of several state laws. This is one step toward accountability. However, we do not have the power to enforce criminal laws, whereas your office has both the power and the responsibility to do so.
- The January 6 Committee has now completed its first round of public hearings, revealing [shocking new information](#) about the depth and intent of the coordinated conspiracy to disrupt our nation's peaceful transition of power. The Committee's disclosures included information about the fraudulent electors across several swing states, as well as bombshell text messages apparently implicating Wisconsin [Senator Ron Johnson](#) in the scheme to have these fraudulent votes counted on the floor of Congress. Transcripts of interviews conducted by the Committee [could be publicly available](#) as soon as September.
- Federal investigators at the US Department of Justice (USDOJ) have [requested](#) information the Committee compiled related to fake electors in multiple states, including Wisconsin. This material is the first requested by USDOJ in the wake of the Committee's hearings, underlining the serious nature of the fraudulent electors' actions.
- Georgia's fraudulent electors are [now officially criminal targets](#) in an investigation by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis. District Attorney Willis convened a grand jury in May. All 16 fraudulent electors in Georgia have now been subpoenaed for testimony.

**The takeaway is clear: the time to investigate Wisconsin's fraudulent electors is now.** Others are taking action to preserve our democracy, and we renew our call on you to do the same. If the fraudulent electors broke state law, you must hold them accountable. The future of



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our elections and our state's democracy depends on rising to this moment and the unprecedented challenge we face.

Our [previous letter](#) outlined the evidence against the fraudulent electors that was publicly available at the time, as well as state criminal laws they appear to have violated. The January 6 Committee's national investigation has added crucial [new information](#) about the broader conspiracy at play, and Wisconsin's role in it. According to [information](#) shared by one of the fraudulent electors himself, the group convened in Dane County to create the documents they would later transmit to Congress as if they were Wisconsin's real Electoral College votes. We therefore reiterate our request that you, as Dane County's chief prosecutor, assess what criminal charges are appropriate and prosecute the culpable. Dane County is the proper venue under Wis. Stat. § 971.19 for criminal prosecution of these events. You have the power to see that justice is done, and the people of Wisconsin are counting on you.

If there is additional information that we can provide to you or your team, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Mandell".

Jeffrey A. Mandell

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel Barnes".

Mel Barnes

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