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Subject: Voting Rights of Residents in Long-Term Care Settings

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Residents living in long-term care communities have the same right to vote as all other qualified Wisconsin residents. This includes individuals living in nursing homes and assisted living communities.

The right to vote is not dependent upon a person's age, where a person lives, or the level of care a person receives. Unless an individual has had their right to vote properly removed by a court order or is otherwise ineligible to vote, long-term care residents are entitled to exercise their right to vote. Like all other resident rights, the right to vote should be protected and residents should be supported in exercising their right to vote.

The Board on Aging and Long Term Care and the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is focused on its mission to advocate for the rights of long-term care residents age 60 and older. If a resident wishes to exercise their right to vote and needs support or advocacy, residents are encouraged to reach out to their ombudsman at 1-800-815-0015.

For more information and resources on voting, please refer to our press release "Voting in Long Term Care Communities."

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