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News Conference to Address DMV State ID Concerns

Alderman Coggs will take part in event TODAY at 1 p.m. outside DMV facility

The not-so-helpful approach by state Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) officials in issuing free Wisconsin photo identification cards will be addressed during a news conference that will include **Alderman Milele A. Coggs** of the Milwaukee Common Council.

The news conference, organized by members of the League of Young Voters and Citizen Action of Wisconsin, Urban Underground and the NAACP will start at 1 p.m. today near the Department of Transportation DMV facility at 6073 N. Teutonia Ave.

Although media reports surfaced within the past several days that DMV offices had been instructed to issue free state photo IDs only when persons specifically ask for them for voting purposes, Alderman Coggs – a vocal opponent of the state “Voter ID” bill that prompted the need for voters to secure accepted forms of ID – said she’s been aware of the DMV problem for weeks.

“For citizens in this democratic nation there is no right more basic than the right to vote, yet over the past several weeks I have heard individual testimonials and seen viral videos demonstrating what the mainstream media began reporting on this week, that Wisconsin DMV workers are being instructed to be as elusive as possible in providing a free ID to citizens who intend to use it for voting,” she said.

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“To me this is just another example illustrating the true intent of the Voter ID law: to suppress and disenfranchise some voters,” Alderwoman Coggs said. “Today I join with the League of Young Voters, Citizen Action, and others to express my outrage about this issue, our desire for the DOT to truly change this policy, the need to protect the right to vote, and promoting citizen awareness of the challenges they may face in obtaining a free state ID.”

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