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No. 2025AP996-OA BOTHFELD V. WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMM'N

June 25, 2025

Justice Janet C. Protasiewicz has entered the following order:

Intervenors-respondents, Congressman Glenn Grothman et al., moved for my recusal from this matter. They argue that I am required to recuse myself pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 757.19(2)(f), § 757.19(2)(g), SCR 60.04(4), SCR 60.04(4)(f), and the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment either because of my campaign statements or because of contributions to my campaign. They also argue that I should decline to participate in this case. The petitioners, Elizabeth Bothfeld et al., filed a response arguing that I am not required to recuse myself and that I should not decline to participate.

I have reviewed the motion, response, facts, and relevant law. None of the sources of law invoked by the intervenors-respondents require my recusal. WISCONSIN STAT. § 757.19(2)(f) does not require my recusal because neither the law, the facts, nor the reasonable inferences drawn from the facts suggest that I have a “significant financial or personal interest” in the outcome of the case. WISCONSIN STAT. § 757.19(2)(g) does not require my recusal because I am confident that I can, in fact and appearance, act in an impartial manner in this case. Neither SCR 60.04(4) nor SCR 60.04(4)(f) requires my recusal. And the Due Process Clause does not require my recusal because neither my campaign statements nor contributions to my campaign create a “serious risk of actual bias” under *Caperton v. A.T. Massey Coal Company, Inc.*, 556 U.S. 868 (2009). Further, I do not decline to participate in this case.

Accordingly, I deny the motion.

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IT IS ORDERED that the Motion to Recuse Justice Janet C. Protasiewicz, filed by intervenors-respondents, Congressman Glenn Grothman et al., is denied.

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Supreme Court

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