Voters Overwhelmingly Support Referendums to Close the Dark Store Loopholes

*Tax Shift Unfairly Targets Homeowners and Small Businesses*

The election results have made one point absolutely clear - voters across Wisconsin want the Dark Store Loopholes closed.

As votes are tallied across the state, voters in all 23 counties, cities and villages with the Dark Store Loopholes advisory referendum on the ballot are projected to overwhelmingly call for the Governor and Legislature to close the loopholes. In Washington County 72.34% of voters called for policymakers to close the Dark Store Loopholes, in the City of Merrill 76% of voters supported the referendum and in Kenosha County voters supported the referendum by 79%. The broad support reflects the bipartisan nature of the issue. The legislation closing the Dark Store Loopholes was authored by a bipartisan group of legislators and candidates on both sides of the aisle called for the loopholes to be closed.

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities, Wisconsin Counties Association and Wisconsin Towns Association urge Wisconsin’s Governor to heed the voice of voters and include the bipartisan dark store solutions in his biennial budget, and we ask leaders of both parties in both houses of the Legislature to support that solution.

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The Dark Store Loopholes and their impact are explained in a four-minute whiteboard video. Additional resources are provided on the League’s website.