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Government Accountability and Oversight  
On Assembly Bill 1061 / SB 1008, relating to: Contents of the Wisconsin Blue Book**

Chairman Knodl, Vice-Chair Brandtjen, members of the Committee, good morning, and thank you for permitting me to testify today on Assembly Bill 1061 / Senate Bill 1008, relating to adding the Wisconsin and U.S. Constitutions to the Wisconsin Blue Book.

The Wisconsin Blue Book is a valuable resource for the citizens and legislators of Wisconsin to learn more about their home state, including information on government, economics, demographics, geography, and history of the State.

In the 1952 introduction to the Blue Book, we read that “The objective of the Blue Book is to supply impartial and accurate information about the state for the citizens of Wisconsin in general and for the youth of the state in particular. The law requires that copies be distributed to schools...”

Interestingly, it was the 1952 edition that decided to remove the U.S. Constitution from the Blue Book. The removal of the foundational document on which all federal and state laws are built upon seems to run counter to the purpose of the Blue Book, especially as an educational tool.

While it is true that both the U.S. Constitution and the Wisconsin Constitution can be found online, they are of such importance that we should ensure ease of access for citizens and students alike to learn about these foundational documents. The Blue Book is the perfect place to make these documents available as it is already published and distributed widely.

Thank you again for hearing this bill today. I’m happy to answer any questions you have about the bill.