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MADISON- Representative Sinicki Statement on Fake "Iowa Model" Maps Bill

MADISON- Following passage of <u>Assembly Bill 415</u> in the Wisconsin State Assembly yesterday, State Rep. Christine Sinicki (D-Milwaukee) released this statement:

"Democrats have been asking for actual fair maps for over a decade. However, this bill will not answer that call or guarantee truly fair maps. That is because this bill is not really "the Iowa Model," and Speaker Vos and his caucus pushed it through knowing it will allow them to continue to draw gerrymandered maps.

"Former lowa GOP Party Chair <u>Mike Mahaffy stated</u> September 14 that 'the proposal currently in front of the Wisconsin Legislature cannot accurately be called the lowa Model because it lacks the elements that have been the foundation for our system's success.'

"The real Iowa redistricting law has the State Supreme Court make the maps, if the legislature cannot come to an agreement. Vos's non-lowa version would allow members of the Legislature to change the maps themselves, at any time, if they convince one member of the minority party to vote with them and not involve the State Supreme Court at all.

"Speaker Vos knows that with the new, duly elected Wisconsin Supreme Court justice, his current maps could be struck down and redrawn fairly for all of Wisconsin, which could lose him his majority.

"As your Representative, I am focusing on the real issues here, making sure Wisconsin gets actual fair maps, and making sure every vote is counted. I want my constituents to know I always stand up and fight for fair elections. If the Republicans want to implement the "lowa Model" then let's implement the full nonpartisan Iowa Model, not just a fake version in which Republicans still retain all the power."