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## **Statement on the Wisconsin Supreme Court's Redistricting Decision**

The Fight for an Independent Redistricting Process Will Continue

MADISON - *Following the Wisconsin Supreme Court's decision on legislative redistricting, Rep. Deb Andraca (D-Whitefish Bay) released the following statement:*

"Once the Wisconsin Supreme Court adopted the specious 'least changes' approach, some degree of gerrymandering was baked into Wisconsin's redistricting. Fortunately, we have a Governor who understood the assignment, and the Supreme Court did the right thing in selecting Governor Evers' proposed legislative maps.

While the outcome is considered a victory, Wisconsin's maps will never truly be fair without an independent redistricting process. As an author of the Fair Maps Bill (AB 395), I am frustrated that the bill did not receive a public hearing. Supported by more than 80% of Wisconsin voters, AB 395 would have established an independent, Iowa-style redistricting commission and avoid lengthy partisan fights over maps and millions spent on taxpayer-funded lawsuits. This bill deserved a public hearing and a vote by the legislature.

The fight for independent redistricting in Wisconsin continues. Yesterday I joined my colleagues in introducing a resolution which would adopt this nonpartisan redistricting process in the form of a constitutional amendment.

To paraphrase a quote about democracy by Winston Churchill, 'Independent commissions are the worst form of redistricting, except for all the others.' The Iowa model has shown us how a fair, transparent, independent redistricting commission can work. We will keep up the fight until our maps are fair and our elected representatives work for the people they serve, not political parties."

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