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Rep. Katrina Shankland: Statement on WI Supreme Court Redistricting Decision

MADISON – Today, the Wisconsin Supreme Court released its <u>decision</u> on redistricting, choosing to adopt Governor Evers' proposed maps for Wisconsin's State Senate, State Assembly, and Congressional districts. The redistricting process occurs every ten years, following the completion of the U.S. Census, to establish the legislative and congressional district maps for the subsequent decade.

Rep. Katrina Shankland (D- Stevens Point) released the following in response:

"As a coauthor of nonpartisan redistricting reform legislation, I've always advocated for a nonpartisan redistricting process so that voters can choose their representatives – not the other way around. If we want fair elections, we need fair maps first, and the majority of Wisconsinites agree. That's why I voted no on the Republican-drawn maps that were considered by the Legislature earlier this legislative session.

"I'm glad that the Supreme Court has chosen to adopt the governor's proposed congressional and state legislative maps. However, these maps are still 'least-change' from the extraordinarily gerrymandered maps we've been living with for the past decade. While this ruling was perhaps the best possible outcome given the unfortunate constraints of the situation, I'm disappointed that we've been unable to implement a real nonpartisan redistricting process."

"The people of Wisconsin deserve fair maps and competitive elections. Over the years, Wisconsinites have been organizing to take their power back from our current gerrymandered districts and demand fair maps. The will of the people is the law of the land – we will keep carrying the torch of nonpartisan redistricting reform forward and ensure that the fight for fair maps continues."

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