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Rep. Mark Spreitzer Reacts to State Supreme Court Ruling on Redistricting

BELOIT - Today, State Representative Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) released the following statement reacting to the Wisconsin State Supreme Court's redistricting ruling:

"Today, the 2011 Republican gerrymander was given another ten years to distort the will of the people. When the State Supreme Court forced litigants to propose least-change maps, the court built Republican gerrymandering directly into its decision. Within the constraints imposed by conservatives on the Court, the maps submitted by Governor Evers that were chosen by the Court represent a step in the right direction, and I am pleased to see the Court reject Republicans' attempt to further gerrymander our state.

"But as I have said since my first term in the State Assembly: people should choose their representatives, not the other way around. Just today, I joined with my Democratic colleagues to introduce an amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution that would create a nonpartisan redistricting system similar to the one used in Iowa, where maps were adopted on a bipartisan basis last year. With that system in place, Wisconsin's redistricting would never have ended up in the hands of the Wisconsin Supreme Court in the first place.

"Without fair maps, Republicans will continue to ignore issues that the majority of Wisconsinites support. I will continue to work with my Democratic colleagues to push for fair maps so that the will of the people is once again heard in the halls of our Capitol."

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