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Sen. Mark Spreitzer Statement on Governor Evers Signing Fair Maps Into Law

MADISON – Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) released the statement below following Governor Tony Evers signing 2023 Senate Bill 488, now 2023 Act 94, which enacts new legislative maps:

“Today, fair maps became law in Wisconsin. The signing of Act 94 means that for the first time in over a decade, the Wisconsin Legislature will be free from the partisan gerrymandering that has stalled progress in our state. With fair maps comes the opportunity to elect a legislature that will truly reflect the will of the people and put their priorities first. From childcare to healthcare, and from gun safety to tax fairness, a new legislature means a renewed chance to put the priorities of Wisconsinites first.

“Like so many others, I have been working for fair maps in our state since it was viciously gerrymandered in 2011. When Republican gerrymandering split communities apart for partisan advantage, it became clear that unrigging our legislative maps would be a long process that was critical for the future of our democracy.

“I thank Governor Evers for his diligent review of this bill and the legal impact of enacting fair maps through the legislative process. I trust the Governor and his legal team have made the best decision for fair maps and for the people of Wisconsin. I thank the plaintiffs who pursued a legal challenge that found our previous maps to be unconstitutional, and forced Republican legislators to send fair maps to the Governor’s desk. The signing of Act 94 ends the lengthy legal battle that has been fought over redistricting in Wisconsin, and it reaffirms the need to enact a better redistricting process into law. Every new decade is an opportunity to enact fairer maps, and a fair process will need to be in place to ensure that happens after the 2030 Census. Fair maps should be a constitutional guarantee in Wisconsin.

“I also want to thank the everyday Wisconsinites who made today possible. Without volunteers and organizers strongly advocating for fair maps in every corner of the state, we would not be here today. I also thank every person who stepped up to run for the legislature in the last decade to give voters choices, even while knowing that they were running on a map rigged against them.

“With today’s bill signing, I look forward to Wisconsin’s first campaign cycle under fair, competitive maps since 2010. Voters should choose their representatives. This year, they will finally have that opportunity.”

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*** Attached to this release is a photo from the Governor’s signing ceremony for 2023 Act 94.*

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