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Rep. Mark Spreitzer statement on *Gill v. Whitford* decision

MADISON- Today, the Supreme Court of the United States handed down a decision in *Gill v. Whitford*, the case challenging Wisconsin Republicans' gerrymander of legislative districts after the 2010 census. Rather than answering the fundamental question of whether the maps were unconstitutional, the Court sent the case back to the district court to allow the plaintiffs, a group of voters from around Wisconsin, an opportunity to better prove how they were harmed by the maps being rigged. In response, State Rep. Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) made the following statement:

"Although I wish the Supreme Court would have reached a definitive answer on Wisconsin's unconstitutionally gerrymandered maps, I am confident that the voters in this case can show how they have been harmed and persuade the Supreme Court that these maps are unconstitutional in the near future. Voters throughout Wisconsin have gone 8 years without fair representation as a result of power hungry politicians wanting to choose their own voters.

"Wisconsin's redistricting system is broken. While the Supreme Court has chosen not to help fix this problem right now, the Wisconsin Legislature still can. I have been a strong supporter of the "Iowa model" of nonpartisan redistricting reform my entire time in the Assembly, and I will continue to advocate for it next session."

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