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STATEMENT ON REDISTRICTING VOTE

The outcome of the redistricting lawsuit was decided on election night 2023. Having already announced she would reject the existing maps, it was certain the new Protasiewicz court would unconstitutionally take over redistricting.

The Republicans tried to pass Iowa-style redistricting, just like Democrats have proposed for 15 years, but the Governor promised to veto it. The Republicans then tried to give the Governor 99.7% of what he wanted, but the Governor vetoed it.

With the rogue Supreme Court making up redistricting laws from whole cloth, we can't trust them to be fair. Democrats invested tens of millions of dollars to buy the Supreme Court, and now have come to collect. It's why Governor Evers vetoed 99.7% of what he wanted and Democrats voted against the Governor's maps – the Court was poised to give them 120% of what they wanted. The Supreme Court would have chosen between one of 4 Democratic gerrymanders.

Republicans were faced with a difficult choice. Evers' maps aren't good. They aren't fair. They are gerrymandered. But of the four options the Supreme Court is willing to consider, it is the most fair and the least gerrymandered. Governor Evers has promised to sign it into law.

Republicans were not stuck between a rock and hard place. It was a matter of choosing to be stabbed, shot, poisoned or led to the guillotine. We chose to be stabbed, so we can live to fight another day.

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