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## **Republicans Cannot Be Trusted with WI's Redistricting Process**

MADISON, Wis – Today, the State Senate passed [Senate Bill 488](#) as amended by Senate Substitute Amendment 1, containing the redistricting maps submitted to the Supreme Court by Governor Evers. The Senate Democratic Leadership team released the following statement:

“Legislative Republicans are the least trustworthy people in the state when it comes to redistricting. For more than a decade they’ve gerrymandered our state lines and comfortably governed with unfettered power and no accountability to the public.

“We will not participate in Republicans’ shady political schemes to maintain their manufactured majority. The amendment containing the maps received neither a public hearing nor a committee vote and was not made public until after today’s legislative session began. That is not how the government is supposed to work.

“And this map wouldn’t even take effect until November 2024 – meaning that the map passed today wouldn’t be used for special elections or recalls, which includes the current recall efforts against Speaker Robin Vos. If this was a genuine proposal by Republicans, why would they wait any longer to implement fair maps in Wisconsin?

“The Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled Wisconsin’s current maps are unconstitutional. Republicans hold an illegitimate majority and should not influence the state’s new maps. Their motives today, like their actions of the past decade, are ill-intentioned and self-serving. Wisconsinites deserve better.”

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