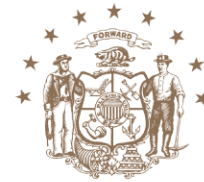




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REP. POPE: U.S. WESTERN DISTRICT COURT RULING REJECTS REPUBLICAN GERRYMANDER

MADISON –Representative Sondy Pope (D-Mt. Horeb) responded to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin’s ruling that Senate and Assembly lines drawn by Republicans in 2011 are unconstitutional and must be redrawn by November 1, 2017 for the 2018 elections.

“I’m optimistic that Wisconsin has taken a step in restoring democracy in our state. This ruling affirms what many citizens have suspected for a while – that Republicans knowingly and unconstitutionally gerrymandered our legislative district lines in order to maintain their stranglehold on legislative power,” said Rep. Pope. **“It is my hope that this is the beginning of a new era in Wisconsin politics, where lines are drawn by a non-partisan body and citizens are again represented by the leaders they choose in fair and competitive elections.”**