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Roys Releases Statement on Supreme Court Decision in Gill v. Whitford

MADISON, WI -- Democratic gubernatorial candidate Kelda Roys released the following statement on the Supreme Court's ruling in Gill v Whitford:

"Today, the Supreme Court remanded Gill v. Whitford, the Wisconsin gerrymandering case, to allow the plaintiffs to have their claim of harm reviewed by a lower court. **This case was an important one to bring. Millions of Americans are now aware of how gerrymandering and rigged maps distort our democracy.**

"We knew that, regardless of the Court's decision, we would still have work to do to guarantee fair maps and representation for Wisconsinites. **It will be up to the next governor and legislature to pass independent redistricting reform - something I will prioritize.**

"Democracy demands accountability. If legislators are not serving their constituents well, they should be voted out of office. Competitive elections help to ensure that legislators meet the needs of the people they serve, or risk losing reelection. Competition also engenders a willingness to listen to those with whom we disagree - a skill that is in short supply.

"Wisconsin Republicans effectively silenced half the voters in our state - preserving their own political power and changing the rules to prevent voters from holding them accountable. They knew their decisions were unpopular, but rather than face the voters, they chose to rig the maps, change campaign finance laws, and suppress votes.

"I have been a champion for accountable democracy and good government, including coauthoring non-partisan redistricting when I was in the legislature. **As governor, I will veto any maps that give one party an unfair advantage,** and will work to restore voting rights and ethics in government, so that Wisconsinites can have faith that our elected representatives serve our needs rather than their own."

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