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Rep. Kind's Statement on Supreme Court Decision to Hear Wisconsin's Partisan Redistricting Case

La Crosse, WI – Today, the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case that argued Republican-drawn maps for Wisconsin's state assembly were impermissibly biased against Democrats. Last November, a three-judge panel ruled, 2-1 that the maps were biased against Democrats.

"Today's decision by the Supreme Court to hear this case is a significant step towards returning the power to Wisconsinites, by making sure it is them picking their representatives and not the other way around. However, it is not enough. I have long advocated for an independent commission to draw legislative districts, which is the only way to take partisanship out of the process," said Rep. Kind.

For years Rep. Kind has fought to take politics completely out of the redistricting process. When the maps were redrawn in 2011 he strongly opposed the proposal and urged the Governor to veto it. Additionally, Rep. Kind has introduced bipartisan legislation to establish an independent, bipartisan redistricting commission to redraw congressional district lines once every ten years. Our neighbors in Iowa use this model, and it has worked very well for them.