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Rep. Mark Spreitzer statement on Supreme Court hearing redistricting case

MADISON- Today, the Supreme Court of the United States agreed to hear oral arguments on *Gill v. Whitford*, a case addressing whether Wisconsin's legislative district maps are unconstitutional. A federal court previously held that Wisconsin's legislative districts were drawn with such a partisan tilt, they were unconstitutional and must be redrawn by November. In response, Rep. Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) issued the following statement:

"I am thrilled that the Supreme Court has decided to hear this case and bring legislative balance back to Wisconsin. When the current majority redrew the maps in 2011, the objective was clear: choose their desired voters in order to rig the system and guarantee continued control of state government.

"I believe that Wisconsin's legislative districts should be drawn in a nonpartisan manner. I have been a strong supporter and author of legislation to implement nonpartisan legislative redistricting, similar to Iowa's model. I strongly encourage the State Legislature to hold a public hearing on this bill and pass meaningful election reform in Wisconsin."

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