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In Monumental Ruling, Court Strikes Down Republican's Illegal Gerrymandering

MADISON – This afternoon, a U.S. District Court three-judge panel ruled that Act 43, the redistricting scheme rammed through by legislative Republicans was an “unconstitutional political gerrymander.” This scheme, marred by vote packing and signed “secrecy oaths” was embroiled with controversy from the get-go.

Rep. Chris Taylor (D-Madison) issued the following statement:

“Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Under Republican rule for the last six years, we have seen a deliberate and concerted effort to rig Wisconsin’s elections. They made it harder for students to register to vote, deliberately disenfranchised hundreds of thousands of Wisconsin voters with an unnecessary Voter ID law, eliminated Wisconsin’s non-partisan elections watch-dog and now it is confirmed, they drew Wisconsin’s legislative districts so regardless of the votes cast, Republicans would maintain legislative control.

“Today’s ruling is a win for all voters in Wisconsin. No matter where you live or what your political beliefs are – every Wisconsinite’s vote should be valued, protected and treated equally and fairly under the law. I applaud the court’s decision today and it should serve as a strong reminder to my Republican colleagues that justice always prevails and the power truly belongs to the people, not donors, lobbyists or conservative special interests.”

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