

Sen. Hansen: Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Decision to hear Wisconsin redistricting case

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“With the Supreme Court’s decision to take up Wisconsin’s redistricting case the Court has the opportunity to correct a part of our electoral process that has opened the door to election rigging here in Wisconsin and across the country.

Wisconsin Republicans rigged the electoral map so profoundly that two federal courts have ruled it unconstitutional saying the Republican effort “intended to burden the representational rights of Democratic voters...by impeding their ability to translate their votes into legislative seats.”

Republicans can argue that rigging the maps is legal, but anyone who believes in a truly representative democracy knows it is not right. Voters have a right to expect fair and competitive elections. And the health of our system of government depends on it.

Our democracy works best when we have fair and competitive elections.

Regardless of how the court decides this case. it is time to take partisan politics out of redistricting and adopt a non-partisan process that voters can be confident in.”