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DGA Announces \$20 Million to Elect Democratic Governor in 8 Key Redistricting States

Today, the Democratic Governors Association revealed that Wisconsin will be one of its 8 Unrig the Map targets for the 2018 election cycle. The DGA also announced an initial \$20 million investment in these races—the largest-ever Democratic electoral investment in redistricting.

At an event at the DGA’s headquarters in Washington, D.C., DGA Chair and Washington Governor Jay Inslee, DGA Unrig the Map Chair and Connecticut Governor Dan Malloy, and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf announced that the

committee will be targeting Colorado, Florida, Maine, Michigan, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin through its Unrig the Map program. A video announcing these targets is online [HERE](#).

The DGA's [Unrig the Map](#) project, launched in 2015, is a zero-overhead fund to win targeted gubernatorial races that are key to 2021 redistricting. In 27 of the 36 races in 2018, the governor has veto power and plays a significant role in the redistricting process. Unrig The Map scored a significant victory in November 2017, as Democrats won the battleground of Virginia.

“As Chair of the Democratic Governors Association and a former member of Congress, I know the role that Democratic Governors can play in ensuring fair maps and Congressional representation for the people of Wisconsin,” said DGA Chair and Washington Governor Jay Inslee. **“That’s why I’m so proud to announce this unprecedented \$20 million investment in our Unrig the Map Program. With fair maps in our 8 targeted states, Democrats could net more than 20 Congressional seats, dramatically improving our chances of winning back a lasting Democratic majority in the House”**

“Electing Democratic governors this year is critical to peeling back the GOP gerrymander of 2011 and winning back a Democratic majority in Congress,” said DGA Unrig the Map Chair and Connecticut Governor Dan Malloy. **“We launched Unrig the Map - and made it a priority when I was Chair of the DGA - because we are committed to reversing those maps and making sure that voters are the ones to choose their elected leaders, not the other way around.”**

Today’s announcement comes on the heels of new court-drawn maps in Pennsylvania this week that will lead to fairer, more competitive districts. Governor Wolf played an integral role in the process, rejecting an attempt by Republican legislative leaders to gerrymander Pennsylvania again.

“People across the country have had enough of Republicans’ continued unfair attempts to stack the deck to benefit Republican political interests,” said Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf. **“In Pennsylvania, we’ve been the example of how making fair maps will give a voice back to the people—not the politicians. But we must keep up this fight in states across the country. And that’s exactly what the DGA’s Unrig the Map program**

and today's announced investment will do."