

Rep. Bowen: Statement on SCOTUS decision to send Gill v. Whitford back to lower court

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MILWAUKEE – This morning, the U.S. Supreme Court announced it had returned Gill v. Whitford, the case concerning extreme partisan gerrymandering in Wisconsin legislative districts, to a lower court for further action. Rep. David Bowen (D-Milwaukee) issued the following statement:

“I am disappointed the Supreme Court decided, at least for now, to allow politicians to continue artificially protecting their power with extreme partisan gerrymandering. Still, it is clear the public is on the side of fair maps. They believe voters should choose their elected leaders, not the other way around. While the fight for fair maps goes on in the courts, we can act as a state to put an end to this anti-democratic process. Republicans must join Democrats in reforming this broken system legislatively by delegating it to an independent, nonpartisan commission. Democrats have introduced legislation that would accomplish this, and we should ensure this bill is passed and implemented in time for the next round of redistricting in 2021.”