

Rep. Hesselbein: Statement on SCOTUS redistricting decision

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MADISON – The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) issued an opinion remanding *Gill v. Whitford* – a landmark challenge to Wisconsin Republican’s blatant partisan gerrymandering of our state’s legislative maps – to federal district courts. This ruling provides an opportunity for plaintiffs in the case to pursue further legal action by demonstrating harm done by the gerrymandered maps.

Wisconsin State Assembly Assistant Democratic Leader Dianne Hesselbein (D – Middleton) released the following statement in reaction to the SCOTUS decision:

“Wisconsin Republicans have rigged our legislative districts for their clear advantage in what is considered one of the worst partisan gerrymanders in modern American history. As a result, the voices of Wisconsin voters are being suppressed, their voting rights are being restricted, and their values and priorities are being ignored.

“Voters should choose their representatives – not the other way around. I am so grateful for the group of Wisconsinites who are fighting to promote this basic premise of our democracy, from voicing their concerns at kitchen tables all the way up to the highest court of our nation.

“Wisconsinites have been demanding reforms that empower citizens and restore fairness to our election process. While I am hopeful that the plaintiffs will succeed in their efforts in the courts, Wisconsin Democrats will continue to fight for fair and impartial redistricting reform moving forward.”