

# Rep. Considine: Advocates for fair maps

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**Madison** – Today, the Joint Committee on Government Operations and State Affairs held a public hearing on the proposed Republican legislative and congressional maps put forward by legislative leaders. Representative Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) released the following statement on the public hearing:

“I am disappointed by the maps put forth by legislative leaders. Throughout my time in the Wisconsin Legislature, I have consistently heard that my constituents and Wisconsinites around the state favor nonpartisan redistricting. Unfortunately, legislative leaders are attempting to continue the practice of gerrymandering by putting forth legislative and congressional maps that are more rigged than the maps in place.

“As a Democrat, as an incumbent, and as someone who thoroughly enjoys representing the people of Wisconsin, I should support the Republican maps put forward. They rigged our district to make it even more democratic than previously. However, I am disheartened by the proposed Republican maps. While these maps disenfranchise many individuals in our state, I am especially frustrated for my Republican constituents. I am a firm believer that the people should choose their politicians, not the other way around. The maps put forward would not allow for fair competition and instead give unfair advantages to incumbents.

“I am encouraged that the Capitol building was full today. Full of Wisconsinites who are sick of being silenced. The vast majority of people who spoke today oppose the proposed maps and oppose gerrymandering. I will continue to amplify these voices and advocate for fair, nonpartisan maps in Wisconsin.”