

Sen. Agard: Comments on Wisconsin Supreme Court decision

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Madison, WI – Today, the Wisconsin Supreme Court announced their decision for the new Wisconsin legislative maps. These maps will dictate Wisconsin's state legislative districts as well as congressional districts for the next 10 years in Wisconsin. Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement regarding this decision:

“Of all the maps before the Supreme Court, the governor's maps were the best choice to ensure the most competitive districts and to move Wisconsin forward in having the will of the people represented in the legislature.

“Yes, I still strongly believe non-partisan redistricting is the best option and I will continue to steadfastly work toward that goal, but in this legal case, the governor's maps reflected the most democratic option. I want to thank Governor Evers for his unwavering commitment to ensuring that the Wisconsin people have the best chance at having their voices heard through their elected officials.

“Voters should choose their elected officials, not the other way around. For the last ten years, Wisconsin has been crippled by our gerrymandered maps that has resulted in a state government that is not responsive to the people it represents. Wisconsin's current maps, as drawn in secret by Republicans in 2011, have even been recognized as one of the worst states in the nation in terms of gerrymandering. This decision in support of Governor Evers' maps is the best possible outcome for the people of Wisconsin.

“Non-partisan redistricting is the best method to reflect the will of the people, but Governor Evers' maps are a significant step forward for Wisconsin.”