Sen. LeMahieu: Statement on appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States

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Madison… Today, Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg) released the following statement regarding the Wisconsin Legislature's appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States:

"Our objection to Governor Evers' maps is not a question of partisan outcome but rather a question of law. The Governor, by his own legal argument, targeted minority voters to draw districts on the basis of race," said Leader LeMahieu. **"That is expressly prohibited under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, and today we asked the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold the protections guaranteed by the Constitution and federal law."**

Excerpt from the Filing:

"Wisconsin is now home to the 21st-century racial gerrymander… In place of the existing districts, the court adopted the Wisconsin Governor's proposed redistricting plan. Race dominated the drawing and adoption of this plan, the product of an untheorized and deeply wrong re-writing of the Voting Rights Act."

"If the U.S. Supreme Court does not resolve this issue, the Governor's maps will constitute a fundamental erosion of the Equal Protection Clause and the Voting Right Act in Wisconsin—with the potential for nationwide impact," said Leader LeMahieu.