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## Rep. Neubauer Applauds Governor Evers' Fair Maps Plan Nonpartisan Redistricting Ensures Fair Elections, Responsive & Transparent Government

MADISON – Governor Tony Evers announced his plan to move Wisconsin's redistricting process to a fair, nonpartisan model today. Fair district maps were a key discussion during the 2018 election cycle and continue to be a critical issue across the state. Rep. Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) released the following statement to voice her support for the Governor's plan:

"I am excited and proud to see Governor Evers standing up for transparent, accessible, and responsive democracy in Wisconsin," Neubauer said. "Fair elections and nonpartisan redistricting aren't, and shouldn't be, a partisan issue. Voters should choose their elected officials, politicians shouldn't choose their voters. It's just that simple."

Gov. Tony Evers' plan, to be released with his state budget proposal, would eliminate Wisconsin's partisan redistricting process. Similar to Iowa's independent redistricting process, the Legislative Reference Bureau, a nonpartisan agency, would draw up potential maps without consideration for voting patterns, party information, incumbent residence information or demographic information in drawing district maps, except as required by law. Maps would then be approved by the legislature and the governor. The plan would take effect before the state's 2021 redistricting process begins.

"For too long, rigged maps have undermined the will of the people," Neubauer concluded. "Democrat, Republican, or Independent, people across Wisconsin agree: It's time to unrig our redistricting process once and for all."

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