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DEMOCRATIC LEADERS ON SCOTUS GERRYMANDERING DECISION

MADISON, WI – Today, a conservative majority on the Supreme Court of the United States issued a 5-4 split decision which held that partisan gerrymandering claims present political questions beyond the reach of the federal courts. Senate Democratic Leader Jennifer Shilling (D-La Crosse) and Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statements on the ruling:

“Democrats believe every voter deserves to have their voice heard,” Sen. Shilling said. **“Republican efforts to suppress voters, restrict voting rights and rig elections through gerrymandered maps have undermined the will of the people. Democrats will continue to champion non-partisan redistricting reform to empower citizens and restore fairness to our election process.”**

“Wisconsin’s heavily gerrymandering maps have created a complete lack of accountability for Republican legislators. The numbers confirm that Republicans have built an impenetrable electoral wall around themselves with no consequences for their actions,” stated Rep. Hintz. **“Today’s SCOTUS decision benefits politicians, not the people of Wisconsin. It is clear we need a non-partisan solution in Wisconsin to rein in politically motivated Republican legislators who will stop at nothing to maintain their hold on power.”**

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