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Rep. Taylor Decries U.S. Supreme Court's Dismissal of Democracy

SCOTUS abdicates their constitutional role in protecting fundamental rights

MADISON – Today, the Supreme Court declared in a 5-4 decision that the federal court has no role in monitoring partisan gerrymandering, or legislative districts drawn to favor one political party over the other. This decision will likely squash efforts in Wisconsin to challenge, by some accounts, the most gerrymandered Assembly districts in the nation, drawn by Republican politicians behind closed doors with secrecy agreements.

Rep. Chris Taylor (D-Madison) issued the following statement:

“Today, the highest court in our nation cowardly abdicated their core function in protecting our fundamental right to vote in fair elections,” stated Rep. Taylor. “It is truly a tragic, perplexing decision that will go down in history as allowing the subversion of democracy. Right at home, power hungry Republican politicians spent millions of the people’s money designing and defending rigged election maps drawn up in secret behind closed doors.

We must not continue to allow Republican legislators to pick their voters, rather than voters picking their representatives, as that is how the people’s priorities get ignored. Just this week, Republican legislators’ rejected of Medicaid expansion, supported by 70% of Wisconsinites. Now, more than ever, we need common sense nonpartisan redistricting reform in Wisconsin, as Democrats proposed in AB 303. Regardless of your political party, we should all support the right to vote and fair elections.”