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#### RESPONSE TO WI SUPREME COURT REDISTRICTING DECISION

The state legislative redistricting plan handed down on Friday embraces dividing lines drawn for the purpose of diluting the voices of our neighbors. The scheme betrays the basic principle that it's the *people* who choose their elected representatives, not the representatives who choose their voters.

We need leaders in every branch of government who refuse to settle for an unjust system and who stick their necks out to ensure that all voices are valued. Our democracy needs champions who believe in fairness and who take seriously the responsibility to ensure meaningful elections, so that our future is decided by all of us together – equitably represented and rightfully heard. We need to put an end to partisan gerrymandering and restore basic fairness to its rightful place in our system. There's nothing to fear in fair representation. To turn our backs on fairness is to turn our backs on each other. Wisconsin deserves better.

I support nonpartisan, fair voting maps, and I lament that Friday's decision has taken us in the wrong direction.