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Wisconsinites Still Hopeful After U.S. Supreme Court Decision on Gill v Whitford, Call on State to End Gerrymandering and Pass Fair Maps Legislation.

STATEWIDE, WI – Today, the U.S. Supreme Court sent the Gill v Whitford case back to the district court, effectively leaving Wisconsin's unconstitutional election maps in place for the 2018 election. This ruling leaves the onus on Wisconsin to protect voters from gerrymandering for the time being.

"The courts didn't fix our current unfair maps, and politicians won't either. We, the people, want fair maps. We do not want partisan politicians to continue fighting over our maps in court and wasting taxpayer money. Wisconsin needs a nonpartisan process for drawing our election maps," said **Marla Stephens**, member of the Citizen Action of Wisconsin Organizing Cooperative in Milwaukee. "Every one of us should be demanding that our legislators and our governor call special or extraordinary sessions to pass non-partisan independent redistricting reform now - before the 2018 and 2020 elections and before the next voting maps are drawn using 2020 Census data."

In Gill v Whitford, the U.S. Supreme Court decided to send the case back to the district court on the grounds that the plaintiffs did not establish standing because they did not make a successful claim of individual harm.

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