

Recipient name: _____

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October ____, 2021

Dear _____;

I urge you to support redistricting reform in Wisconsin. Specifically, I urge you to support an independent commission to draw district lines through a process that uses objective criteria. Legislators and political parties should not be allowed to draw their own district lines. I believe that in so doing, politics become more divided, special interests get more influence, and my vote matters less. An independent commission will give legitimacy to the process and ensure all voters are represented fairly. I cannot strongly enough urge you to support redistricting reform.

The rights to vote, and to fair representation are fundamental privileges that should be afforded to each and every citizen of our county, our state, and our nation. Gerrymandering, the practice of redrawing voting district boundaries, is a direct threat to these rights, and to democracy itself. I am committed to this issue because I am a member of McFarland United Church of Christ, and I believe in the biblical mandates of justice and equity, especially for the most vulnerable members of our society.

Gerrymandering deliberately undermines the political process. Elected officials should not have the power to choose their voters. Voters should choose their elected officials. Gerrymandering suppresses the voices of voters, especially of those in the minority. It deprives each and every Wisconsin citizen of their right to equal representation.

A recent poll (released by RepresentUs, and conducted by YouGov) shows overwhelming support for banning gerrymandering. This support is across political lines, reflecting statewide support of a process that is transparent and fair. Many states have already taken action, and it is long past time for Wisconsin to do so as well.

Therefore, I strongly encourage you to hold a public hearing on (Senate Bill 389/Assembly Bill 395), a bill to ban gerrymandering and bring nonpartisan and transparent redistricting to Wisconsin. Citizens and experts in the field from around the state should have opportunities to voice their views on how voting districts are drawn.

Gerrymandering is wrong. Please oppose any such effort to undermine our system of checks and balances. Let's solve this problem once and for all. Together.

Sincerely,

Printed name: _____

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