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## **Rep. Sara Rodriguez: Authors Fair Maps Legislation**

MADISON – Today, Democrats in the Wisconsin State Legislature introduced legislation that would create a nonpartisan legislative redistricting process based on the successful model used in Iowa. Rep. Sara Rodriguez (D-Brookfield) issued the following statement:

“The voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around. Without fair elections, the will of the people is often ignored. Partisan maps silence voters and prevent elected officials from being held accountable by creating noncompetitive elections. That’s why I am proud to come together with my colleagues in the legislature and advocates across Wisconsin to introduce legislation to end gerrymandering in Wisconsin.

“Wisconsinites overwhelmingly support fair maps. As of April this year, 55 counties, representing 83% of all Wisconsin residents, have passed resolutions urging legislators to support nonpartisan redistricting reform. Without fair and competitive elections, popular policies such as expanding BadgerCare continue to be ignored by the Republican controlled legislature. Passing this critical piece legislation will ensure Wisconsin’s lawmakers can properly reflect the will of the people.”

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