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[00:00:00] **Speaker 1** I represent, right now, the 62nd district and in, Racine County. And as I take a look at, this interesting map, that was drawn by the governor, it carves me out of a place that I grew up in. It takes me out of communities that, I'm fully invested in right now. And I'll even go back to when I was elected to the Board of Education. I was urged by those that were elected in the village of Caledonia that I would represent them. This carves me out of all of that. And I will just tell you that. Representing those communities is a much, is a is a is a lot different than what you see here. There are a ton of cameras here. I didn't see that many when I went to a town hall in the in the village of Raymond the other night. It was just the residents that were there asking me questions about what's going on here. We invest so much in the communities that we were elected to. This is my third term. I will not depart from the district where I will represent the most of the people that I do know. That's why I obviously believe the maps we drew with the least amount of upset to the people we represent were the best. But moving forward, I will represent these people no matter what you try to draw me out of. Thank you.

[00:01:28] **Speaker 2** So you can see that the surgical nature that was done on these districts was certainly done to accommodate Democrat candidates. Now, we think they probably already gone out and identified people to run in those seats, and most likely they've already been contacted by either the governor or the DPW. This is all part of a long range political plan. If you took randomized computer data using any criteria that you could think of, there is no way that you would be able to draw a map where you would have 30 Republicans paired together and only two. And it just so happens that one of those might be running for another office. That is not done randomly. What we're doing today is we are attempting very small fixes to pick the moat to fix the most egregious parts of the Partizan gerrymandering. It does not fix most of them. In fact, it only fixes about half a dozen. There is no way that they do not ignore the natural geography, and they split up communities in order to achieve a Partizan electoral interest. So again, we're trying to make the map slightly a little bit more fair. All we've really done is make small changes on the edges, as you can see from these maps. If for some reason Governor Evers and his staff say that these small changes are a gerrymander, then the entire map that they have submitted is nothing more than the most egregious example of what a Partizan gerrymander would look like. Now, in the amendment that we are adopting from the Senate today, we did move a couple blocks here and there, to get so that these representatives don't have to necessarily move to go back into their district. Some are still going to be able to do that because we couldn't fix every situation. That being said, that's why I'm proud that every one of these legislators today said even if the governor vetoes the map, they are moving into the districts they have represented their entire life. So we hope that Governor Evers looks and says he can have his original map or with the tweaks, but it's the same people running in the same districts. There's no Partizan advantage. Now. Since January 12th, the Evers Map has been lauded as the fair map. Beavers said, quote, Wisconsinites don't want Republican or Democrat maps because Wisconsin isn't a red or blue state. We're a purple state and our map should reflect that basic fact. He's always promised I'd fight for fair maps, not maps that favor one political party or another. And that's a promise I'm proud to keep with the maps he was submitting on that day. Well, with these small tweaks, we are attempting to make the map as purple. As Governor Evers said it was when he submitted it. Getting 99% of what you want should be an unprecedented political win in split government. Why would the Democrats not vote for this? And why would the governor not meet with us to discuss it? Is his map. He should want to drop everything that he is doing to get to a yes. If what he has said in the past that this is one of the most important issues vexing Wisconsin. So let's just confirm it was fair in January. But all of a sudden now it might not be a fair map. I think the citizens of Wisconsin are smarter than this, and it's your job in the media to help report on the obvious collusion that you see before your eyes. That is part of the Democrats effort to gerrymander Wisconsin. What possible reason could the Democrats have to not vote yes on this bill today? Ask yourself. We actually reached out to the Democrats who've been doing that for the past 24 hours, and we were told by the Assembly Democrat caucus they would not support Governor Evers original map. They thought they might have a couple people who could vote yes on the map drawn by their governor. Why is that? Because they think the fix is in. We have offered to the Assembly Democrats a very reasonable position that gives them 99.5% of what they wanted. In fact, we gave them 100% and they still said no. So the Democrats excuse that you will probably hear during the debate today is that they didn't have enough time to go over these maps and the changes, which are super small and almost inconsequential. Now, we arranged for the Legislative Technical Services Bureau, Ltfrb, to set them up with special redistricting computers weeks ago, so that they would have the time to go over the submissions as soon as they were put forward on January 12th. The only reason we are here today on the super fast timeline is because the court has ordered us to be on the schedule. It's not the one that we chose. We have tried again and again in our court filings and in our pleadings to slow this process down, because we think it's confusing for Wisconsin voters, and it sounds like it's confusing for Assembly Democrats. The court has denied our motions. So if the Democrats don't like the timeline, they can take it up with the Supreme Court, not us. If the schedule is good enough for the court, it's good enough for the legislature. And that's why we are here acting today. Wouldn't it be nice of all of us, as elected officials, figure out something without having to ask the Supreme Court or to have the U.S. Supreme Court to be involved? That is not our ultimate goal. It might be the only choice that we have. If we can't get the governor to sign his own map, and if we can't get Democrats to vote for the map drawn by their Partizan governor. So I'm asking one more time. Why don't we just put this to bed? Allow the citizens of Wisconsin to have a map, allow us to not have to go to the U.S. Supreme Court asking them to intervene like they did a few years ago, and give the citizens of Wisconsin the maps that they deserve, and the opportunity for the people who are behind me to run for reelection and see where the chips fall in November of 2024. So with that, happy to answer any questions. To be clear, this is the Senate version. But with you know, it is the Senate version. Exactly. We are concurring with the Senate. But in the Senate version, all of these tweaks were already included. Along with that for your senators, Jack and Mark Clark. So after you pass it. Correct. It goes to the governor.

[00:08:04] **Speaker 3** Rather than the special consultant. So. First for the report on the proposals. You have a week and a half. Why not go home during next week? Special session pass, and then you give them time. That's one time. Do it that way. We didn't put this on another appointment.

[00:08:21] **Speaker 2** So the Democrats have had the time with the computers to do all the analysis. Governor Evers has been the one talking about introducing a fair map. We are taking them at their word. They said they did not want to adopt Governor Evers map. Okay. So we are going to adopt the tweaked map today so we have a chance to get it to Governor Evers. Adding more time. Does not help the process. We want to be able to know what the answer is, not wait for some expert to give opinions on five different maps. We have one in front of us. It's the one that could pass the legislature. It's the one that could get signed into law because it's obviously drafted by the governor, and it allows us to stop the spending, stop the lawsuits, and give the people of Wisconsin a final answer.

[00:09:03] **Speaker 3** The map that we all submitted to the court as 17 person the assembly that also person jury duty becomes more that.

[00:09:13] **Speaker 2** I'm not going to characterize. We had nothing to do with drawing that map. Again, I think if you randomize the ability to look at the number of pairs, it's impossible to draw a map without using partizan intent to only pair people on one side of the political aisle and not randomly do it. I mean, we have almost two thirds of the seats, so it makes sense that we would have, you know, a similar number of pairs. But in Governor Evers maps, I think we have all but one. So it's like 80 and 90% are paired on the one side. That's not that's not random. Thanks, everybody. Thank you.