

Wisconsin Supreme Court
c/o Clerk of Supreme Court
Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules
P.O. Box 1688
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Subject: **Reject** Rule Petition 20-03, In re Petition for Proposed Rule to Amend
Wis. Stat. §809.70

To: WI Supreme Court Justices

I am writing to urge you to *reject* Rule Petition 20-03 by WI Institute for Law & Liberty (WILL) before the Wisconsin Supreme Court (Petition for Proposed Rule to Amend Wis. Stat. §809.70).

The proposed rule amendment will not provide adequate information to, or input from, the public. **Transparency is key for public trust.** Wisconsin citizens deserve to be informed of, and involved in, the redistricting process.

I am asking the Court to reject this proposed rule change for the following reasons:

- **It short-changes the legal process.** The judicial process works best when it plays out in full by allowing a case to work its way up from a trial court, through an appellate court and then to the WI Supreme Court. I urge keeping the process in the U.S. district court.
- **The proposed rule will allow for only considering partisan interests.** While political parties would be given automatic standing to present maps before the Court, non-partisan groups and voters impacted by the new districts may be excluded under the proposed rule.
- **Adopting this rule risks increasing the politicization of the Court** and decreasing public trust in the Court as a legitimate institution.
- **This process should not be rushed.** Previously when the Court considered special rules for redistricting litigation, it spent years engaging experts and the public to examine potential procedures. For the best interest of the people of Wisconsin, the same should apply this time around.

Please reject WILL's petition for this rule change.

Sincerely,

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