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Rule Petition 20-03 relating to legal challenges to redistricting

When I see the name of the former Republican Speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly on a petition to create Supreme Court rules I know that the rules are designed to give the Republican Party political advantage. They are NOT designed to create a system that provides equal justice to all citizens of Wisconsin. When I look at the proposed rules I see specific proposals to help Republicans. Item (5)(b) gives politicians and political parties "intervention as a right". Apparently former Speaker Jensen does not think that the citizens of Wisconsin have any "right" to be involved in the design of maps to create the districts from which citizens choose their representatives. Only politicians have that "right". This is further enforced by the timing allowed for a petition to the court. Citizens will not have a chance to look at any maps before the matter goes to you. I will guarantee that the political parties will file petitions within days after census data is received, long before citizens have a chance to weigh in on what they would like their voting districts to look like.

Former Speaker Jensen wants to bring redistricting directly to the Supreme Court because he assumes that you are not independent justices but organs of the Republican Party of Wisconsin. He assumes that you will give the Republicans what they want. Please set this Rule Petition aside and prove his assumptions are incorrect.

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