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Washington, D.C. – Eric H. Holder, Jr., the 82nd Attorney General of the United States and Chairman of the National Democratic Redistricting Committee (NDRC), released the following statement in response to the Wisconsin Supreme Court’s decision striking down the state’s gerrymandered legislative maps:

“It is way past time to end illegitimate minority rule in Wisconsin, and this decision is a powerful step toward fair representation.



“For more than a decade, Wisconsinites have been forced to live under unpopular policies enacted by artificial Republican legislative majorities, despite the fact that Democrats saw increasing—and sometimes majority—statewide support. Yet, Wisconsinites never gave up. They organized. They voted. They demonstrated that in order to protect democracy, we must *D*
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“And that tenacity is forging a new chapter for the state, moving out from the shadow of Scott Walker’s and Robin Vos’ anti-democratic legacy of voter suppression and onto the path toward a truly representative democracy. Make no mistake: We’ve got a long way to go. But Wisconsin proves that when the people participate, over time, states that may seem unreachable in the fight for fairness today, could indeed become beacons of justice in the years to come. Wisconsin is now on that path.”

Background on AG Holder’s past involvement in the Wisconsin Supreme Court elections:

Since 2018, Eric H. Holder, Jr., the 82nd Attorney General of the United States and Chairman of the National Democratic Redistricting Committee (NDRC), has consistently invested time and resources into Wisconsin Supreme Court races. Over the past half decade, Holder has made numerous trips to mobilize voters, raised millions of dollars, and brought increased national attention to these critical campaigns. Specifically, Holder made investments in the Wisconsin Supreme Court races in 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2023. Each cycle he traveled to the state, raised money and helped mobilize voters.

The 2023 Wisconsin Supreme Court election was top priority for Attorney General Holder who endorsed Judge Janet Protasiewicz in February following the Wisconsin Supreme Court primary election. Leading up to the general election, he participated in a series of fundraisers, including joint events with Wisconsin Democrats to ensure her campaign had the resources to fight back against national Republican attacks, and he participated in a series of local radio interviews to help get out the vote in Wisconsin. Attorney General Holder also traveled to Wisconsin to help get out the vote in the Milwaukee metropolitan area and Madison. In addition to Attorney General Holder’s participation, NDRC and affiliates continuously engaged their grassroots networks to help recruit volunteers and get out the vote leading up to the April 2023 election.