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Republican politicians broke the law when they rigged elections in their favor and now they want to use the same broken system rather than standing up for Wisconsin citizens.

MADISON, WI – New filings submitted in a Federal Appeals Court case show that Republican politicians are unwilling to reform a broken redistricting process that allowed legislators to secretly draw politically-motivated district maps and rig elections in their favor. The move has been slammed by the court and non-partisan election watchdogs as an "unconstitutional gerrymander."



"The court already determined that Republican politicians broke the law when they rigged elections in their favor," Senate Democratic Leader **Jennifer Shilling** (D-La Crosse) said in response to the latest court filings. "It's unbelievable that Attorney General Schimel wants to rely on that same broken system that Republicans abused rather than standing up for Wisconsin citizens and their constitutional rights."

"Democrats believe every voter deserves to have their voice heard," said Shilling. "It's time we reform our broken redistricting process to take politics out of the equation, empower citizens and create more competitive district maps."

From disenfranchising voters, limiting polling places, restricting voting hours and rigging district maps, Republican politicians have waged an unprecedented attack on the constitutional right to vote. While Senate Democratic candidates earned 21,000 more votes than their Republican counterparts in the 2016 election, Democrats hold less than 40 percent of the seats in the State Senate.

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