

Governor Tom Wolf Rejects Partisan Gerrymandered Map

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Analyses, Non-Partisan Experts Say GOP Submission is Partisan, Gerrymandered

Harrisburg, PA – Governor Tom Wolf today told the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that he will not accept the proposed map Republican legislative leaders submitted because it, too, is a partisan gerrymander that does not comply with the court’s order or Pennsylvania’s Constitution.

“Partisan gerrymandering weakens citizen power, promotes gridlock and stifles meaningful reform,” Governor Wolf said. ” As non-partisan analysts have already said, their map maintains a similar partisan advantage by employing many of the same unconstitutional tactics present in their 2011 map.

“The analysis by my team shows that, like the 2011 map, the map submitted to my office by Republican leaders is still a gerrymander. Their map clearly seeks to benefit one political party, which is the essence of why the court found the current map to be unconstitutional.”

Read a statement from Professor Moon Duchin on her analysis [here](#).

The analysis by Governor Wolf’s team confirms the universal analysis of various non-partisan experts that say the Republican leaders’ submission is another partisan gerrymander.

- Princeton University professor Sam Wang [said](#) bluntly that “a prettier map can still conceal ill intent” and “it appears that Republicans are not dealing in good faith with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s order.”
- A *Washington Post* data expert [concluded](#), “Pennsylvania Republicans have drawn a new congressional map that is just as gerrymandered as the old one.”
- *The New York Times* [found](#) the submitted map would extract the same partisan advantage for Republicans as the current one.