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Maury Democrats Statement on Proposed Congressional Redistricting

Columbia, TN: The Maury County Democratic Party (MCDP) stands in solidarity with voters in Memphis, denounces Gov. Bill Lee’s call for a special session on redistricting, and opposes any new Congressional map that would split Maury County into separate, gerrymandered Congressional districts.

Gov. Lee called a special session of the General Assembly on Friday afternoon, which will convene on Tuesday, May 5. The call follows the Supreme Court’s decision this week in *Louisiana v. Callais*, which gutted Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn and others have shared maps on social media that divide Maury County into three districts, one of which would put both Columbia and much of Memphis in the same district.

MCDP Chair James Dallas made the following comments:

“The election has already started. By any reasonable measure, it is too late to consider new maps. However, we seem to no longer live in reasonable times. Putting Maury County Park and Overton Park in Memphis in the same district is absurd and obscene. It would put Culleoka in a district that spans 250 miles from Memphis International Airport to South Pittsburg. While we respect our brothers and sisters in Memphis, and across Tennessee, we in Columbia will always have much more in common with our neighbors in Culleoka and Spring Hill than we do with folks in Memphis or the Sequatchie Valley. Senator Blackburn’s proposed map destroys Maury County’s influence in Washington and is unacceptable to everyone who cares about local interests.

“Memphis has had its own district for over a century. Many – but certainly not all - of the state’s Republican elected officials have signed on to eliminate that Memphis-based district to appease President Trump, who does not believe he can win a fair midterm election.

“We urge our state’s leaders to put the interests of Middle Tennessee first, support fair representation, and to reject Trump’s extreme, erratic, and unpopular demands.”

The MCDP encourages all voters to contact their elected officials, including State Representatives Scott Cepicky (R-Culleoka) and Kip Capley (R-Summertown), as well as State Senator Joey Hensley (R-Hohenwald), to express their opposition to mid-decade redistricting. Legislators may be reached through the Tennessee Capitol switchboard at 615-741-3011.

About the Maury County Democratic Party: The Maury County Democratic Party is the local county affiliate of the Tennessee Democratic Party and represents the interests of tens of thousands of Democratic leaning voters in the county.

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