

# Citizen Resolution # 410922

(For Hearing Officer completion)



## Creating More Democracy in the Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Whereas the WCC prizes the democratic value of citizen input and usually holds annual elections of delegates to represent the interests of the citizens. The statewide convention of delegates is structured like a senate, where each county, no matter the population, is allowed five delegates. However, the District Leadership Council consists of districts constructed by geography, which has weighed the most populous counties with the least representation. The advisory committees are also constructed based on these districts. The WCC relies on recruiting people to invest in heritage sports and has therefore wanted to increase outreach especially to youth, women's, and minority groups. However, having a senate-only representative setup ensures that these groups living in Wisconsin's biggest cities are overlooked. Student populations, women who haven't been invited into heritage sports, people whose only option is renting, and the majority of racial groups whose parent generations were cordoned off into certain areas due to redlining and other blatant discrimination all have a smaller voice because of their geography. The most populous district was punitively removed and grouped in with some of the other most populous counties of Wisconsin giving even less representative power to the individual citizen of Wisconsin. It would be both fair and patriotic to utilize the Constitution's idea of representation based on population. The Wisconsin Conservation Congress can easily create a representative balance on the District Leadership Council and on advisory committees by creating population-based districts.

**Would you support the Wisconsin Conservation Congress allowing counties of over 180,000 citizens to form districts which elect district leadership and advisory committee representation?**

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