Dear Editor,

Our county must go on record to oppose partisan gerrymandering in Wisconsin.

The rigging of our political maps is wrong, whether Democrats are doing it or Republicans are doing it.

It makes for too many safe seats so elected officials can ignore a big chunk of their constituents.

It makes for hyper-partisanship and lack of cooperation because the elected officials have nothing to fear – except being “primaried” by someone even more partisan than they are.

And it’s just plain wrong. No party in power should be able to rig district maps to keep themselves in power for ten years. That’s just plain nuts!

Banning gerrymandering has enormous bipartisan support in Wisconsin.

A Marquette Law School poll earlier this year showed that 72 percent of Wisconsinites want to ban gerrymandering, and that includes 63 percent of Republicans and 76 percent of Independents.

Already, 47 county boards—representing more than 75% of the state’s population--have passed resolutions urging the state legislature to ban gerrymandering in Wisconsin and give us independent, nonpartisan redistricting. Thirty-five of those counties are red counties, voting in the majority for Trump in 2016.

Our county should pass this resolution, too.

It’s time for fair play and a level playing field.