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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Issues Statement Regarding Redistricting Reform

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today issued the following statement:

"I am disappointed in today's announcement by the Legislature that they have abandoned plans for redistricting reform this year and their inability to provide the people of this great state with true democratic reform. Their decision not to bring fairness and equality to the political process is a setback to all Californians.

"The Legislature missed a historic opportunity to bring fairness and impartiality to Sacramento. The process of drawing legislative boundaries is an issue of vital importance that could have and should have been dealt with this year as they promised in 2005.

"California voters deserve legislative lines that are drawn in an open, transparent and fair way. I look forward to the day when a fair reapportionment that accurately reflects the people of California and benefits our democracy can be implemented."

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