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**REPRESENTATIVE MIKE HILL  
JOINS REDISTRICTING LAWSUIT**

**Pensacola, Fla.** – Representative Mike Hill (R-Pensacola Beach) released the following statement regarding the federal lawsuit filed today in Pensacola seeking to overturn Florida’s redistricting amendments as construed by the Florida Supreme Court:

“Upon entering the Air Force Academy, and then being commissioned as an officer in the Air Force, I took an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. After being elected to the State House of Representatives, I was proud to take that oath again, reaffirming my commitment to fighting for the freedoms and liberties of ALL Americans.

As a State Representative, I am one of 160 members of the Legislature with the unenviable task of drawing the State's Congressional and legislative maps, based on the opinions handed down by the State Supreme Court. Unfortunately those opinions have been far less than helpful and in stark contrast to what the voters passed in 2010.

Too often unintelligible, overreaching and repressive, the court's vague mandates are in direct violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, which I have sworn to protect and defend.

So today I have joined with several other Florida citizens in a bipartisan federal lawsuit, filed here in Pensacola, which seeks to overturn the overreach of the State Supreme Court and reinstate the rights of individual citizens. “

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