

The Honorable Paul Pinsky, Chairman, and Members, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

## **Dear Senators:**

On behalf of the almost 1200 members of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women, representing citizens from across Maryland, I am writing to ask you for an Unfavorable Report on SB204. This bill seeks to tie our State's effort to enact Redistricting Reform to Virginia adopting redistricting reform. It is well past time for Maryland to step up and take the lead in ending the practice of using redistricting to favor one Party. There is no need for Maryland to wait for any other State to fix their problem before taking action to ensure our redistricting is fair and impartial for all of Marylanders.

A majority of Marylanders are in favor of redistricting reform and want our State to break the cycle of drawing our maps based on partisan interests.

In conclusion, the members of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women strongly support a Unfavorable Report for both SB2046 in the hope that Maryland will be proactive about fixing our current problem with redistricting.

Thank you,

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