



MARYLAND FEDERATION  
*of*  
Republican Women

The Honorable Anne Healey, Chairman, and Members, Rules and Executive Nominations

Re: HB958 - SUPPORT

Dear Delegates:

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 a Favorable Report on HB958. This bill addresses a problem we have in this State affecting representation. This bill will allow the voters the opportunity to amend the State Constitution to establish 3 Single-Member House of Delegates Districts in each Legislative District. Our Constitution guarantees each citizen of Maryland equal representation in the Legislature. Currently that does not exist. Some citizens are represented by three Delegates, some by two, and some by one. The voters should be given the opportunity to decide if they would prefer to change this inequality. Single-member districts make sense in that they provide a delegate with a smaller number of constituents thus enabling them to get to know them better and therefore represent their interests and concerns better. Constituents have a clear understanding of exactly who represents them and where to turn for help if needed.

In conclusion, the members of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women strongly support a Favorable Report for HB958 in the hope that Maryland will be proactive about fixing this problem with representation.

Thank you,

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