

We are supposed to be a Republic or a Representative Democracy according to our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. MD HB0002 presents a fair and representative districting option. Representation of my area should come from candidates who live in my area, are accessible to me, and who enjoy the same benefits or detractors of their voting.

The Gerrymandering that has been ongoing in Maryland ensures that I am NOT represented by someone who lives in my county and area.

The continued abuse created by political parties who manipulate districts to favor their candidates flies in the face democracy and must not be allowed to continue. I have lived in Maryland since '96, and feel that I have never been represented by an official who lives in my area or under the same set of circumstance. I do not like the fact that people who do not live in my area are voting to elect the officials who should be.

HB0002 provides a fair and democratic process for electing our officials and should be adopted. HB0001 is anti-democracy and must not be allowed to pass.

Very Respectfully,

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