I watched the Governor's group work on many of their live zoom meetings and respected their attention to details that were provided by the citizens of this state. Most citizens preferred single districts, yet the committee respected the groups that felt strongly about multi districts and came up with a hybrid approach. The maps are fair, contiguous, and do not split counties and cities like Ellicott City in half. They are thoughtful and the committee worked hard to get representation for the citizens in an unbiased way. We have been so gerrymandered for so many years that there is no longer even a conversation at the representative level. Please, respect the citizens and throw out the politically motivated legislative maps and use the non-partisan committee's maps, who followed the guidelines for redistricting, unlike the legislative maps which were blatantly political. This commission grouped citizens geographically as the redistricting process is supposed to be done. This allows citizens the representation that they deserve and candidates the ability to run for office on constituent's needs, not making a horse race out of a campaign, running all over the state to even be recognized. Stop the historic gerrymandering now (that we have been sued for) and adopt the Governors Non-Partisan commissioner's maps. The citizens of Maryland deserve representation, not gerrymandering. Respect the citizens and the work of the non-partisan committee who truly listened to the citizens. Marylanders of both parties are demanding this. Elections have consequences and voters deserve the best representation that they can get from contiguous districts.

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