

**To:** Legislative Redistricting Advisory Commission  
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**Subject:** Maryland's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District - Revised<sup>1</sup>

Maryland's First Congressional District currently includes Maryland's entire Eastern Shore: nine counties from Cecil on the north to Somerset and Worcester on the south. The 2020 Census puts total population of these nine counties at 456,432.

To be equally apportioned, each of Maryland's eight congressional districts should have a population of about 765,000. Thus, if the Eastern Shore counties remain the First District's base, the district's boundaries must be expanded to capture about another 308,000 people

There are two ways contiguously to expand the First District's boundaries:

- Into Harford and Carrol Counties using the land bridge between the Maryland State Line and the head of the Chesapeake Bay, as is done with the existing boundary; and/or
- Into Anne Arundel County using the two steel bridges that carry major highways (U.S. 50 and U.S. 301) across the Chesapeake Bay and into seven of the Eastern Shore's nine counties.

I suggest that geographic, demographic, and economic ties between Anne Arundel and the Eastern Shore make Anne Arundel County the better choice. Or, in simpler terms: Bel Air is not as closely tied as is Annapolis to Easton and Cambridge. Concept Map #3 best represents these realities.

Indeed, the ties are particularly strong between Anne Arundel County and what the Maryland Department of Labor calls the five Upper Shore counties: Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, & Dorchester. Those five counties have a population of 172,076—or 38% of the Eastern Shore.

Geographically, three of these Upper Shore counties—Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot—each share a boundary with A. A. County. The boundary between Queen Anne's and Anne Arundel counties is marked by signs on both the eastbound and westbound spans of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

The latest data available from the Maryland Department of Labor shows that in 2018 9,000 residents from the five Upper Shore counties commuted daily to Anne Arundel County. Many of them obviously work at one of A.A. County's large employers: <sup>2</sup>

- Fort Meade – 57,300
- A. A. County public schools – 14,000
- Maryland State Government – 12,600
- BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport – 9,700
- Northrup Grumman – 9,500

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<sup>1</sup> This memo supplements my original September 30, 2021 memo to the Commission by adding additional facts to support the Concept 3 Map.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated number of employees taken from the A. A. County website (<https://www.aaedc.org/business/county-profile/top-employers>), and rounded to the nearest hundred.

- Hospitals
  - Anne Arundel Medical Center – 4,900
  - U. of MD Baltimore Washington Hospital – 3,200
- A. A. County government – 5,200
- Southwest Airlines – 4,800
- Live! Casino & Hotel – 3,000
- U.S. Naval Academy – 3,000

There also are reverse commuters. For example, the Annapolis Chorale Music Director lives in Arnold, but also teaches at Washington College in Chestertown.

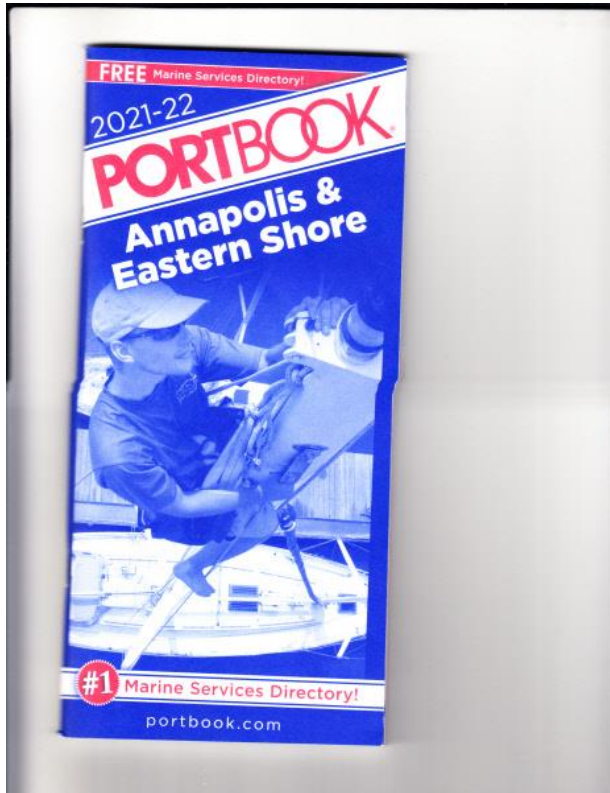
The many business connections between Anne Arundel and the Upper Shore Counties include:

- **Finance:** Shore United Bank, N.A., headquartered in Easton now has seven branch bank offices in Anne Arundel County, having on November 1, 2021 acquired Severn Savings Bank of Annapolis.
- **Shopping:**
  - Anne Arundel County residents go to the outlet mall in Queenstown.
  - Upper Shore residents come to Arundel Mills.
- **Health care providers:** Each of the following based in Annapolis has one or more offices on the Eastern Shore:
  - Anne Arundel Medical Center
  - Anne Arundel Urology
  - Annapolis Neurology Assoc.
  - Anne Arundel Dermatology
  - Anne Arundel Diagnostics

Last—but not least—are the many **maritime connections** between Anne Arundel County and its neighbors across the Bay. These are illustrated by:

- Publications (see photos next page)
  - PortBook “Annapolis & Eastern Shore”
  - My most used navigation chart “Annapolis to Cambridge”
- My own, but far from unique, personal experiences. I have—
  - For three decades hauled my boat annually at a marina in Tilghman
  - Taken my propeller to be reconditioned in Stevensville
  - Visited multiple times both by water and by land:
    - Georgetown on the Sassafras River
    - Chestertown on the Chester River
    - Rock Hall on Swan Creek
    - Saint Michaels on the Miles River
    - Oxford on the Tred Avon River
    - Cambridge on the Choptank River
  - Two marine business I patronize in Annapolis are owned or staffed by Upper Shore residents

I hope the Commission finds this information helpful in determining the appropriate boundaries for Maryland’s First Congressional District.



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### Key to Symbols

**1. Always follow the numbered sequence of navigational buoys and markers in ascending order (1-2-3) when going into a harbor or up a river.**

**2. RED buoys always have even numbers. GREEN buoys always have odd numbers.**

**3. Keep the RED (even-numbered) buoys (called "horns") to the RIGHT (starboard) side of your vessel when RETURNING to land or going up a river. Keep the GREEN (odd-numbered) buoys (called "trawls") to the LEFT (port) side of your vessel when RETURNING to land or going up a river.**

**4. If you are going out to sea or down river, do the reverse.**

**Legend**

- Buoys: in every light will contain a bell or high tick, and red buoys will contain a bell.
- Navigational aids: in every light will contain a bell or high tick, and red buoys will contain a bell.
- Range markers: one up half marker to a red square to a black.
- White buoys: used for high water.
- Compass roses: shown in red, yellow, green, and blue.
- White buoys with red top: used for high water.
- Red buoys with white top: used for high water.
- Green buoys with white top: used for high water.
- Yellow buoys with white top: used for high water.
- Blue buoys with white top: used for high water.
- Black buoys with white top: used for high water.
- Red buoys with black top: used for high water.
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