

December 3, 2021

Dear Committee Chairmen and Members,  
My name is Rebecca Kwan

I support SB 02/HB 02 because the proposed Congressional Districts are fair. They are compact according to the county region, it does not divide counties unnecessarily, it promotes communities of interest and are not intentionally partisan.

I oppose SB 01/HB 01 because the proposed Congressional Districts are fair, continue the extreme gerrymandering of the current Congressional Districts. Most of the proposed districts in SB 01/HB 01 are stretched out or curve around in strange shapes. They separate counties into several districts, diluting each county's impact on the Congressional representative. Also, it disenfranchises voters.

Checks and balances are critical to a principled government, and it is crucial to make sure the district map drawing promotes healthy competition, not an insurmountable monopoly, for candidates.

Please don't create a map that reinforces one-party rule. It's not fair to everyone else and it is not healthy for democracy. Maryland needs a diversity of voices and perspectives from different parties.

Sincerely,

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