

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HOUSE BILL 2
The Independent Citizen's Commission
Congressional Redistricting Map

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Do the RIGHT THING because it is the RIGHT THING to do comes to mind here. Fair redistricting maps at the national and state level are requested by poor and rich, black and brown, rural and urban, Republicans, Democrats and Independents across the nation as well as COMMON CAUSE, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, and many other groups. HB2 is the best display of fairness regarding geography, voter makeup, and similar communities.

Gerrymandering is not right anywhere. But just because it is done elsewhere, does not mean it should be happening here. We should be better than that! Who knows, if Maryland has the courage to do the right thing, maybe others will have the courage to follow.

That should be enough, but here's another reason:

The Princeton Gerrymandering Project, which evaluates redistricting proposals based on partisan fairness, competitiveness and geographic features, gave the congressional map proposed by the Legislative Redistricting Advisory Commission an "**F**" overall, while analysts gave the proposed congressional map from the Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission an "**A**" based on the same criteria.

So do you want an A or an F?

Do you want voters to choose who represents them or allow elected officials in the majority to do so?

Do you have the courage to make a difference?

Do you have a conscience?

If you can answer YES to any of the above, then please vote FOR HOUSE BILL 2 during this special session. If not, then during this season of goodwill to all, you are a Grinch!

