

I have participated in the nonpartisan Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission over the past several months. I am a resident of Baltimore City within Delegate Clippinger's district.

I recognize the importance of these maps to me as a resident in Baltimore City, and my friends who have left the city as they've married and moved to outward counties around the state. The needs of both residences, small business owners, policing, and government management of these communities are very different, in so many ways.

For HB1, recommended by partisan politicians who seek status quo in gerrymandering and election protections over the needs of the citizens, and it is unacceptable.

For HB2, the alternative to this bill has ensured the residents of Maryland were heard during the process of this nonpartisan committee and that is exactly why the commission was created. Dismissing the results is nothing more than election protection for politicians around the state. We elected you to represent us, we trust you will make decisions for "us." This nonpartisan commission has done that and this commission has been responsive to public comment and feedback. This map represents all city residents in a fair way. Please vote favorably on HB2, it's the people's map!

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