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Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee.
Thank you for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 352 - Baltimore County - Republican Party
Central Committee – Elections.

Senate Bill 352 is a Baltimore County bill that would very simply alter, from four to three, the
number of members elected from each councilmanic district of Baltimore County to the
Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee.

In November 2024, Baltimore County Ballot Question A passed, which increased the County
Council to nine members

As a result, the Baltimore County Republican Central Committee voted to change the
composition of the Central Committee from **four** seats to **three** seats per Councilmanic District.
Senate Bill 352 would simply confirm this change in statute.

I ask for a favorable committee report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnny Ray Salling".

Senator Johnny Ray Salling

Maureen Wambui - Testimony in Opposition to SB0352

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The Honorable Members of the Senate Committee
Maryland General Assembly
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Subject: Testimony in Opposition to SB0352 – Concerns About Diverse Representation on the Baltimore County Republican Central Committee

Dear Chairperson and Committee Members,

My name is Maureen Wambui, and I am a resident of District 6 in Baltimore County. I am writing to express my opposition to Senate Bill 352 (SB0352), which seeks to reduce the number of elected members per district on the Baltimore County Republican Central Committee from four to three. While the bill aims to streamline leadership, I am deeply concerned about its potential negative impact on diverse representation and inclusiveness within party leadership.

A reduction in the number of elected positions limits opportunities for individuals from various backgrounds—including immigrants, women, and other underrepresented groups—to participate in the political process. Ensuring a broad range of voices within the committee is essential to fostering policies that truly reflect the needs and concerns of all constituents. A smaller committee risks consolidating influence among a select few, making it harder for grassroots leaders and community advocates to engage meaningfully in decision-making.

Additionally, diverse representation strengthens the party's connection to its base and enhances its ability to address the unique challenges facing different communities. The current committee structure allows for more perspectives, ensuring that policies and party direction are shaped by individuals who understand the lived experiences of all Baltimore County residents. Reducing the number of seats could inadvertently exclude voices that are critical to the committee's effectiveness and public trust.

Rather than shrinking representation, I urge the committee to explore alternative measures to improve efficiency and governance while preserving broad participation. More inclusive leadership will lead to stronger policies and a more engaged electorate.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to oppose SB0352 and consider alternative solutions that enhance, rather than diminish, diverse representation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Maureen Wambui.

