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The Honorable Melissa Wells, Chair
House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
145 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Brian Feldman, Chair
Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: **Letter of Opposition for House Bill 2100.**

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

As the Cecil County Executive, I am in strong opposition to the purpose of this special session, which seeks to propose a constitutional amendment to “legally” gerrymander congressional districts to secure a seat that could not otherwise be won on the merits. The only important question is this: *Why are we here at all?* Marylanders are facing an affordability crisis, much of it driven by state policy. Families are struggling with higher taxes, increased vehicle registration fees, rising energy costs, and an increasingly complex web of regulations that have made the American Dream of homeownership more difficult to achieve.

Marylanders are being asked to pay more while receiving less, and the consequences are real. Since 2012, Maryland has lost more than \$120 billion in cumulative adjusted gross income as residents and businesses have chosen to leave the state. That trend affects every county, including Cecil County, and it undermines the very economic goals the State says it wants to achieve. In return, Marylanders have been left with unfunded mandates, growing economic burdens, and recurring budget deficits. This special session does nothing to address any of those challenges.

Instead, during the year we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding, this body is convened to undermine the very foundation of our Constitutional Republic – that voters get to pick their leaders, not the other way around. Many Marylanders will view this as placing political advantage ahead of public interest.

Governing is about priorities. At a time when Maryland families are concerned about affordability, energy costs, housing, and economic uncertainty, redrawing political maps should not be the Legislature's focus. Our constituents deserve a government committed to making Maryland more affordable, more competitive, and more accountable. They elected us to solve real problems, not create political ones.

I respectfully urge an **unfavorable** report on House Bill 2100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "AS", followed by a large, stylized "R".

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