

George Tunis Written Testimony Opposition HB2100

I am appalled that Maryland is choosing to engage in partisan redistricting at a time when our nation faces serious challenges both at home and abroad. While America's adversaries are coordinating their efforts to advance their strategic interests, our state government appears focused on political gamesmanship instead of the issues that matter most to Marylanders. Redistricting should never be used as a tool to predetermine election outcomes or to benefit one political party over another. Regardless of political affiliation, every voter deserves fair representation and confidence that their elected officials are chosen by the people—not by carefully drawn district lines. It is especially troubling to devote time and taxpayer resources to an effort that many believe conflicts with both the spirit and the requirements of the Maryland Constitution. At a time when our citizens expect leadership on affordability, public safety, education, infrastructure, and economic growth, this should not be the General Assembly's priority.

For the past 27 years, I have worked in the small and diverse community of Pocomoke City, helping transform a once-sleepy town into a globally competitive manufacturing center. I have seen firsthand how stable representation and bipartisan cooperation can help attract investment, create high-paying jobs, and strengthen Maryland's economy. Our current congressional representative, Andy Harris, serves on the House Appropriations Committee and has helped secure millions of dollars in federal investment for Maryland's defense industrial base. Those investments support American manufacturing, strengthen our military, and provide critical resources to the men and women serving our country during an increasingly dangerous and uncertain time around the world. Whether one agrees with Representative Harris politically or not, those contributions deserve to be considered on their merits—not swept aside for partisan advantage.

I urge our state leaders to look beyond short-term political gains and focus instead on the larger responsibilities entrusted to them. The world is becoming more unstable, and Maryland should be concentrating on strengthening our economy, supporting national security, and improving the lives of its citizens—not manipulating congressional districts for political benefit. Our representative form of government exists to ensure that voters choose their elected officials—not that elected officials choose their voters.

I respectfully ask you to reject any proposal that undermines public confidence in our elections and instead uphold the principles of fairness, equal representation, and the rule of law that Marylanders expect from their government.

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