

Written Testimony HB 2100

This written testimony serves as evidence of my unfavorable opinion regarding house bill 2100. I have several specific points of opposition to this house bill.

The first of which is modification to the state constitution with only a necessary 51% approval of the state voters. The most recent voter turnout was appalling at 16% and to think that a similar turnout with only 51% of that portion of state voters would determine modification to the state constitution is extremely concerning to me.

My second concern is related to this bill being presented as a reaction to what's occurring in our federal government. This state legislature was voted in place to take care of matters of this state. To exert pressure and influencing the congressional body of the federal level is again concerning to me. This feels like a knee jerk reaction to the current administration and their ridiculous antics. I do not support the current federal administration, but I also do not support Maryland being part of a liberal reaction to the distribution of congressional seats. And my third concern, as a district one constituent, is the absence of consideration to maintain contiguous boundaries of the legislative districts, including ignoring the divide that the Chesapeake Bay creates, both physically and in lifestyle. There is nothing similar between Columbia, Maryland and Tilghman Island, Maryland.

Respectfully submitted:
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