

Maryland State Delegates and Senators,

My name is Kat Harper and I am submitting this testimony to strongly oppose the proposed redistricting amendment. This amendment weakens critical minority protections provided for by the Maryland state constitution which states that districts must be reasonably compact and respect natural boundaries. The Maryland Supreme Court has previously ruled that these requirements do indeed apply to both state and federal congressional districts, and as such this delegation is bound to respect said ruling.

The proposed legislation violates the ruling and disenfranchises Maryland voters, and will in all likelihood be struck down in court again. All Marylanders recognize this bill as a nakedly partisan attempt at gerrymandering an already gerrymandered state - and courts will surely see the same. If only for the sake of your own political futures, I strongly urge you to vote no on HB2100.

Thank you,
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