

Written Testimony Opposing Changes to Maryland's Congressional Redistricting Plan

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Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee:

My name is **Karen Jenkins**, and I was born and raised in Maryland. Although I have not lived here my entire life, I am currently a Maryland resident. Maryland has always been home to me, and I care deeply about its future and about maintaining an election system that Marylanders can trust.

I respectfully ask you to oppose any changes to Maryland's current congressional redistricting plan unless there is a clear legal or constitutional reason to do so. Stability in our election system matters. Voters should not have to wonder whether district boundaries will continue to change when there is no compelling need.

Having grown up in Maryland, I have a strong appreciation for the unique character of our communities and the importance of preserving public confidence in our elections. Keeping district lines stable helps strengthen that confidence and allows communities to build lasting relationships with their elected representatives.

The current congressional map is already in place, and voters, election officials, and local governments have adapted to it. Unless there is a legal requirement to redraw these districts, I believe maintaining the existing map is the most responsible course of action.

I hope the Committee will continue to put the interests of Maryland citizens first by preserving stability, promoting transparency, and maintaining public trust in our democratic process.

Thank you for your time, your service to the people of Maryland, and your thoughtful consideration of my testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jenkins