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Election Districts - General Assembly and Representatives in Congress.

House of Delegates [Government, Labor, and Elections](#)

Dear Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr and members of the House Economic Matters Committee,

My name is Paul McCosby, and I am an attorney with the Maryland Family Institute and am licensed to practice in Maryland. I am offering testimony in opposition to House Bill 2100.

We at MFI are an organization supporting religious freedom, the sanctity of life, and the family. Our organization is very concerned by this legislation and its potential to undermine the freedom of the people of Maryland.

This bill represents a dangerous and unnecessary move for Maryland law, deliberately opening the way for an unrestricted rewriting of Maryland's districts for partisan gain. The extremely limited window for public comment only emphasizes how this plan is rushing to create a self-interested monopoly. It would undermine the representation of the people of Maryland and subvert the relationship of citizens and their communities to their representative in Congress - replacing it with a system where members of Congress represent and are answerable to the partisan interests far more than to the people who elect them.

Furthermore, this proposed amendment goes far beyond changing the existing understanding of Congressional districting, it also seeks to permanently cut out any meaningful action on the part of the courts. By affirmatively denying all constitutional rules for redistricting it encourages an unjustifiable centralization of power with dangerous potential to hollow out Maryland law in an unrestrained search for political gains.

The people of Maryland have every reason for concern as their voices are largely excluded from a debate about their representation. This bill's decision to disclaim the same basic standards applied in drawing the districts for the General Assembly can only heighten the inevitable concern of this deliberate push for unconstrained power. This is not a path Maryland should go down. I urge an unfavorable report on HB 2100.