

UNFAVORABLE

SB2100 and HB2100 Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress Public Comment

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To the Respected Members of the Maryland General Assembly:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on SB2100 and HB2100.

Our family's position is UNFAVORABLE in regard to the proposed amendments to the Maryland Constitution for the purpose of re-districting.

I respectfully request that the Maryland General Assembly stop action on these bills. There is no need to take this action at this time. Redistricting should occur on the regular decennial schedule when U.S. Census data is delivered to the states. At a time of intense financial pressure on Maryland families, state resources should be allocated to bread-and-butter concerns, not to partisan politics.

I respectfully request that the Maryland General Assembly take up a bill to establish a State Financial Officer's position with the power to address the massive financial irregularities revealed in a large number of Office of Legislative Audits (OLA) in the last two years. (See Bentulan, T. (2026, June 11). Audits reveal \$1.2B in questionable Maryland state spending. *Spotlight on Maryland*. <https://foxbaltimore.com/spotlight-on-maryland/audits-reveal-12b-in-questionable-maryland-state-spending>.)

I respectfully request that the Maryland General Assembly retract the devastating budget cuts that have been imposed on the small community of Marylanders with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) who Self-Direct their services under the Community Pathways Waiver. While the Self-Directed community comprises only 23.3% of the participants in the Community Pathways Waiver, this community has been targeted to absorb 51% of the budget cuts. This is quite a disparity, and it belies Maryland's stated commitment to "equity" and to "leave no one behind."

Thank you for your consideration of these comments..