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The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Special Session for Redistricting

Dear Senator Feldman and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee,

The Board of Carroll County Commissioners opposes convening a special legislative session for redistricting. With the host of major issues currently facing the State of Maryland, time, energy, and discussion should be focused on, at minimum, the budget deficit, cost of living, the Blueprint, and rising energy costs. Citizens of our state and county are experiencing real hardships, and calling a special session on redistricting is simply a political move for personal gain while ignoring these urgent issues.

Redistricting at this time is also out of cycle with the census, wastes taxpayers' time and hard-earned money, and undermines the established, legitimate, census-driven representation of citizens. There has not been sufficient notice or time to fully understand the repercussions or consequences of such a referendum this close to an election.

Arguments that other states are redistricting are not sufficient justification for Maryland to hold a special session. Maryland cannot claim to be a mantle of democracy while simultaneously undermining it. Our national republic has prescribed Constitutional processes for redistricting, and the State now proposes to circumvent that process.

We implore the entire state legislature to refrain from moving forward with the special session. Instead, we urge you to focus on the issues that matter most to your constituents. Marylanders deserve leadership that prioritizes their daily realities over unnecessary political maneuvering. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

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