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Maryland General Assembly
Annapolis, MD 21401

Opposition Testimony on House Bill 2100 – Election Districts

Dear Speaker Peña-Melnyk and Members of the House,

We respectfully urge an unfavorable report on House Bill 2100. At its core, this bill is not about improving representation or strengthening democracy. It is about giving politicians more power over voters. House Bill 2100 would overturn the 2022 court decision that requires Maryland's congressional districts to be compact, contiguous, and mindful of jurisdictional and geographic boundaries. Those standards exist for a reason: to ensure that communities are kept together and that voters, not politicians, determine election outcomes. If this bill becomes law, it would open the door to the very practice those protections were designed to stop: gerrymandering.

Marylanders and businesses are facing real challenges. Families are struggling to keep up with the cost of groceries. Utility bills continue to rise. Residents and businesses want solutions that make life more affordable and government more accountable. Yet instead of addressing these urgent concerns, Annapolis leadership is prioritizing a partisan effort to redraw the rules of our democracy for political advantage.

Gerrymandering is dangerous; it does not silence voters by preventing them from entering the voting booth, it silences them by making their vote matter less once they get there. Maryland should be moving toward greater fairness, transparency, and public confidence in our elections, not away from it.

House Bill 2100 would weaken protections and sends the message that political power is more important than fair representation. The people and businesses of Maryland deserve better. They deserve districts drawn to represent communities, not political interests. They deserve a government focused on lowering costs and solving problems, not rigging the rules to protect incumbents.

For these reasons, we respectfully ask the Committee to reject House Bill 2100 and give it an unfavorable report. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan L. Jones".

Susan L. Jones
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