



UNFAVORABLE

HB2100/SB2100 Election Districts - General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of Maryland Right to Life, I write to express our fierce opposition to HB 2100/SB2100, which if enacted would put innocent human lives at great risk. We ask you to put patient health and safety before partisan politics and to reject this blatant power-grab.

These bills seek to establish a partisan monopoly and strip away rights you swore to protect under both the U.S. and Maryland Constitutions - namely Freedom of Speech, the Free Exercise of Religion, Equal Representation and Equal Protection under the law. We urge you to uphold your sworn Oath of Office to defend the Constitution by voting no on these anti-democratic bills.

This legislative scheme is not just an abuse of the constitutional-amendment process; it is a direct assault against the fundamental freedoms of Conservatives, Catholics and all pro-life voters in Maryland. By targeting Congressman Andy Harris, M.D., the sole Republican Member of Congress from Maryland, this amendment would completely **disenfranchise over one million pro-life Marylanders** and remove the single remaining pro-life voice representing our state in Congress.

The resulting pro-abortion monopoly would perpetuate a taxpayer-funded culture of death in our state, render millions of preborn children defenseless, and amount to a death sentence for medically vulnerable individuals. There would be no protection for the conscience rights of medical providers who do not want to commit abortion or euthanasia, **forcing doctors out of the state** and creating a prenatal and obstetrical care desert in Maryland. **The end result for women and families will be fewer choices, substandard medical care and increased rates of maternal and fetal injury and death.**

Expanding a Culture of Death

Silencing the pro-life vote by gerrymandering Congressman Andy Harris, M.D., Co-Chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus out of office does not just change a line on a map—it reshapes federal legislative outcomes and risks shifting control of the U.S. House of Representatives. Removing these vital federal checks enables the expansion of unlimited, taxpayer-funded abortion on demand and advances a culture of death that erodes the inherent dignity of human life. This legislative imbalance would directly threaten the most defenseless among us, from unborn children and pregnant mothers to medically vulnerable adults. **When the government invests in death at the cost of life, we all lose.**

A Pattern of Voter Disenfranchisement

Maryland's Congressional map is already severely skewed in favor of Democrats. While nearly 1 in 4, or 24% of registered voters are Republicans, only 1 in 8, or 12.5% of Marylanders are represented by a Republican in the U.S. House of Representatives. Pro-life representation is similarly disproportionate as nearly a quarter of Marylanders (23.9%) voted against the pro-abortion "Reproductive Freedom Amendment" in 2024, but Congressman Harris is the only pro-life Representative from Maryland.

The Essential Impact of Pro-Life Leadership

Congressman Andy Harris is the Co-Chair of the House Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus and holds a 100% pro-life voting record with National Right to Life. The tangible impact of losing Rep. Andy Harris's leadership in the Caucus cannot be overstated. Under his co-leadership, the Caucus has spearheaded vital protections for the unborn, mothers, and vulnerable populations:

- **Legislative Safeguards:** Passing the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act* (H.R. 26) to ensure legal protections and standard medical care for infants who survive attempted abortions.
- **Defending Taxpayer Money:** Reining in unlimited taxpayer-funded abortions by preserving foundational budget riders like the **Hyde Amendment** (blocking Medicaid funding for elective abortions), the **Weldon Amendment** (protecting healthcare conscience rights), and the **Helms & Livingston Amendments** (preventing foreign aid from funding overseas abortions).
- **Protecting Vulnerable Communities & Faith Institutions:** Championing H.Res. 3 to condemn attacks on pregnancy resource centers and churches, challenging the FDA's unsafe distribution of chemical abortion drugs, and supporting efforts to redirect public funds to comprehensive health centers rather than abortion providers.

For these reasons, we urge you to reject HB2100/SB2100, to uphold your oath of office to protect the Constitution and the rights it guarantees, and respect the voices of ALL Maryland voters.

In Defense of Life and Liberty,

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