

To: The Honorable Melissa Wells, Chairman and Members of the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee; and
The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chairman and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee; and
The members of the House of Delegates, and
The members of the Senate
From: Ken Eaton, Resident of Congressional District 1 - Maryland
Date: July 31, 2026
Re: **HB2100 / SB2100** - Election Districts - General Assembly and Representatives in Congress
Position: **Unfavorable – Do Not Support**

Honorable Delegates and Senators of Maryland,

I am a lifelong resident of Maryland, participating in elections for over 40 years. I may not have had a deep understanding of congressional district boundaries in my earlier years, but as I became more politically involved, district boundaries seem to have a greater importance.

These boundaries should not become tools of the majority party to strengthen or weaken a specific area. They should be representative of the area of Maryland that the congressperson is expected to represent in Washington DC. Attempts to “gerrymander” a district to suit the needs of a specific party should never come into play when evaluating these boundaries. The citizens of Maryland expect fair, contiguous, and well thought out districts. They should be representative of that portion of the State. Just because XYZ state managed to create a congressional district that favors one party over the other should not be a part of the decision-making process.

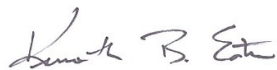
If Maryland’s leaders want citizens to trust the redistricting process, they should make clear, concise decisions and establish district boundaries that fairly represent seven distinct regions of the state. Maryland is often called “America in miniature” because it includes mountains, rivers, the Chesapeake Bay, the ocean, and everything in-between. Surely, the State can develop a re-districting plan, at the appropriate time, in the appropriate manner, so that ALL Maryland residents can be represented in Washington DC.

This special session appears to be an effort to eliminate the one Maryland district currently represented by a Republican in Congress—one of the seven congressional votes representing our state in Washington, D.C. I hope we are better than that. We should show our children that Maryland’s leaders are not driven by the political tactics of other states or by partisan advantage. Instead, we should show them that all citizens matter, that they can form their own beliefs and make informed decisions, and that they can have confidence in the example set by their leaders in Annapolis. If they lose faith in the system, then the system has failed us all.

Therefore, I respectfully ask both the House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee members, and the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee members, to provide a vote **NOT IN FAVOR OF HB2100/SB2100**.

In addition, if these bills come to a floor or Joint vote, we respectfully request that the Delegates and Senators provide a vote **NOT IN FAVOR OF HB2100/SB2100**.

Thank you!



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