

Written Testimony for Terry A. Cerreta & Charles G. Verschoore about HB2100

As both registered republicans, Terry Cerreta & Charles Verschoore who live in Pasadena MD, we disagree with the proposed HB2100 because:

- 1) Anne Arundel County is mostly conservative county and is already gerrymandered across five other liberal counties. As a result, Anne Arundel County showed up for the recent 2024 presidential election as voting the first time in 50 years for a historic liberal overall vote.
- 2) The wording of HB2100 is confusing to most people with an education of a high school degree or less. It is worded in such a confusing way that the average person may not know that they are freely & willingly giving up their right to vote against any house or senate bill.
- 3) Congressional District 3/Legislative District 31 suspiciously did not receive preliminary voting ballots to review for the primary elections not giving people time to learn about candidates who they would like to vote for and those they don't.
- 4) HB 2100 would not establish stronger, fairer, or more transparent standards for congressional redistricting. Instead, it would remove potential state constitutional standards before Marylanders are shown any proposed replacement map. The bill itself does not draw new congressional districts. If the amendment passes, the General Assembly could return later with separate legislation changing the map.
- 5) Voters should be able to evaluate the proposed boundaries and the rules governing them at the same time, not be asked to surrender existing protections before seeing what will replace them.
- 6) Redistricting rules should be clear, consistent, and designed to restrain political power. Those protections should apply equally, no matter who controls state government.

- 7) It is against the constitution to have one party rule. It's simply wrong and before you know it, Maryland will be the next socialist state