

HB 2100 - Congressional Redistricting Amendment

POSITION: UNFAVORABLE

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Members of the Joint Committee:

I am Dr. Amy LePore, a resident of Chesapeake City, and I respectfully urge an unfavorable report on HB 2100.

I have spent much of my career examining how public institutions operate under pressure. One thing is certain- when leaders remove safeguards in the name of convenience, the public ultimately pays the price.

That is exactly what concerns me about HB 2100.

This amendment would not improve Maryland's congressional redistricting standards. Instead, it removes requirements such as compactness and contiguity and leaves Marylanders with fewer protections against politically manipulated districts. But perhaps this is the point.

The Maryland Constitution should serve as a guardrail against abuses of power. It should not be rewritten simply because those guardrails interfere with the political goals of the party currently in control.

Maryland already has a seven-to-one congressional delegation. This proposal appears designed to clear the way for eliminating the state's one remaining Republican seat. This is simply one-party rule by design

Our elections should remain competitive and our communities should be represented fairly. Most importantly, Maryland voters should have confidence that the rules are protecting them and not protecting the politicians who wrote them.

I respectfully ask the committee to issue an unfavorable report.

Thank you for your consideration.

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