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Senators and Representatives work hard to build relationships with their constituents spending countless hours meeting, listening, attending county fairs, high school graduations, and communicating through newsletters and other means. Marylanders know they can reach out to their Senators and Representatives because of this relationship of trust. Redistricting throws these relationships into chaos, confuses voters, and will introduce costly legal battles.

For years, Maryland was the butt of jokes due to having one of the most absurdly gerrymandered maps in the entire United States. Only after a judicial mandate was the map redrawn to its current form. HB2100 opens the door to bring back the chaos, confusion, lawsuits, and more voters deciding to leave Maryland.

Maryland has two Senators and eight Representatives in the House. Out of these ten individuals, nine are Democrats. This means that despite the fact that only 51% of Marylanders are registered Democrats, under the current map, 90% of Maryland's representation in Congress is Democrat. Instead of trying to give more balance to the other 49% of Maryland voters, HB2100 is designed to allow the legislature to take away the tiny 10% representation that these 49% of Marylanders currently have. The stated rationale is that other states have done redistricting. However, Maryland has already gerrymandered away the voices and representation of millions of Maryland voters. Voters see HB2100 as a nothing but a power grab and not in the interest of Maryland.

I listened to hours of hearings on the subject last time it was proposed. Bill Ferguson's words were a good summary of the situation:

"Despite deeply shared frustrations about the state of our country, mid-cycle redistricting for Maryland presents a reality where the legal risks are too high, the timeline for action is dangerous, the downside risk to Democrats is catastrophic, and the certainty of our existing map would be undermined."

<https://www.politico.com/news/2025/10/28/maryland-redistricting-senate-president-bill-ferguson-00626808>

Please do the right thing and give HB2100 an unfavorable report.

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