

July 31, 2026

The Honorable Brian Feldman, Chair

And Members of the Education, Energy and Environment Committee
Senate of Maryland

The Honorable Melissa Wells, Chair

And Members of the Government, Labor and Elections Committee
Maryland House of Delegates

RE: SB 2100 and HB 2100 – Election Districts – General Assembly and
Representatives in Congress - OPPOSED.

Dear Chairs and Committees:

SB2100/HB2100 is an egregious offense against representative government. It is expressly written to remove any Constitutional standards for redistricting of Congressional Districts.

Maryland Constitution, Article III, Section 4 states:

“Each legislative district shall consist of adjoining territory, be compact in form, and of substantially equal population. Due regard shall be given to natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions.”

The U.S. House of Representatives is a legislative body and each Congressional District is a legislative district. There is no confusion in Article III, Section 4 of the Maryland Constitution that needs a change. Its provisions are reasonable and provide at least some fairness in drawing districts.

SB2100/HB2100 declares “nothing in this article or elsewhere in this Constitution including the Declaration of Rights, provides applicable criteria for the boundaries of a Congressional Districting Plan.” This legislation is to enable the General Assembly of Maryland to adopt the most extreme gerrymandered Congressional Districts that can disenfranchise at least 1/3 of the voters of Maryland from a voice in Congress.

Please vote an UNFAVORABLE Report for SB/2100/HB2100.

Sincerely,

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