

Written Testimony Opposing Changes to Maryland's Congressional Redistricting Plan

Before the Maryland House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

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Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee:

My name is **David Fields**, and I have lived in Maryland throughout my entire adult life. I am proud to call this state home, and I care deeply about preserving the integrity and stability of our elections. I respectfully ask you to oppose any changes to Maryland's current congressional redistricting plan.

Like many Marylanders, I want to know that the rules governing our elections are stable and are not changed unless there is a truly compelling legal or constitutional reason. District boundaries should not be something that changes every few years. Voters deserve consistency, and our representatives deserve the opportunity to build lasting relationships with the communities they serve.

Over the years, I have watched Maryland grow and change, but one thing that should remain constant is the public's confidence that elections are conducted fairly and without unnecessary political influence. Every time district lines are redrawn, many citizens are left wondering whether the changes are being made for the benefit of voters or for political advantage. Whether that perception is accurate or not, it erodes trust in our institutions.

The current congressional map is already in place. Voters understand it, election officials have implemented it, and communities have adapted to it. Unless there is a clear legal requirement to redraw these districts, I believe changing them again would create unnecessary confusion and further weaken public confidence in the electoral process.

As someone who has spent my adult life in Maryland, I simply want a government that provides stability, transparency, and predictability. I believe those principles are more important than short-term political considerations.

I respectfully ask the Committee to reject proposals that would alter the existing congressional districts and instead preserve the current map.

Thank you for your time, your service to the people of Maryland, and for considering my testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

David Fields