

Dear General Assembly,

I strongly support HB0488 in support of redistricting Maryland as introduced by Delegate C.T. Wilson. Maryland is at a critical moment, and the path forward is clear.

- Across the country, Republican-led states are aggressively redrawing congressional maps to entrench power and silence voters before they can be held accountable. It is already happening. And it is reshaping the national balance of power in real time.
- Maryland cannot hesitate. We cannot hide behind process debates or procedural caution. At moments like this, delay is surrender.
- The Commission has done its work.
 - Now the General Assembly must decide whether it will follow the voters or ignore them.
- Maryland voters are not divided or uncertain about what they want their leaders to do.
 - Recent polling shows that 54 percent of Maryland voters support moving forward with congressional redistricting.
 - Among Democratic primary voters, support is even stronger. 68 percent say they strongly favor new congressional maps.
 - That is a clear mandate; voters are asking for action.

Thanks for considering,
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