

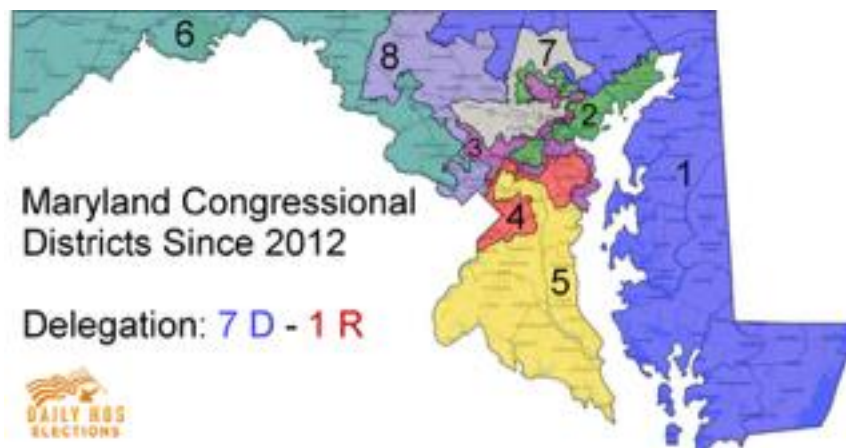
## In opposition of HB0488 - Election Districts - General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

Maryland, The Free State, is on the verge of becoming a totalitarian state. A move to all eight Congressional seats having a Democrat representative will disenfranchise a large block of voters and residents in Maryland. As seen in the following table, the Democrats make up 51% of the registered active voters in Maryland where Republicans make up 24% of the voters and the Unaffiliated will split between Democrat and Republican candidates.

Maryland		
Party	Active Voters	Percentage
DEM	2,211,863	51%
REP	1,022,316	24%
UNA	987,897	23%

The current makeup of 7 Democrats and 1 Republican represents a 87.5% Democrat and 12.5% Republican mix which is still less than the 24% Republican makeup of voters.

Gerrymandering is nothing new in Maryland. Maryland congressional maps have been gerrymandered since 2000 and made national attention in 2012. It is disingenuous to blame Maryland gerrymandering on another state given our history.



One final item, there have been “No Kings” protests in my area and across the state. If this passes then the current leadership and the Democratic Party must look in the mirror when claiming one party is authoritarian. Nothing speaks authoritarian or totalitarian state then using one’s power to disenfranchise their opponent's ability to represent their voters.

Please vote in opposition of the bill

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