



January 25, 2026

The Honorable Anne Healey, Chairman
and Members of the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
House of Delegates, Annapolis, Maryland

RE: **HB0482 -- FAVORABLE**

Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Legislative and Congressional Redistricting
and Apportionment Commission (Fair Districts for Maryland Act)

Dear Chairman Healey and Committee Members,

The 1,300+ members of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women strongly **SUPPORT** this bill
to remove partisanship from the redistricting process:

- *Maryland Constitution, Article III, Section 4* ensures fairness:
 - *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.*
 - Recent experience has proven the need to definitively remove political affiliation, voting patterns, and incumbency from the redistricting process.
- The Supreme Court of Maryland is most familiar with the State of Maryland and its citizens and should, therefore, retain original jurisdiction.
- A more independent, more representative Redistricting Commission would better represent Maryland citizens and ensure that the provisions of Article III, Section 4 are the only considerations.
- Provisions of the recently filed HB0488 handle Congressional redistricting differently than legislative redistricting -- strong evidence of the need to definitively state that Article III, Section 4 applies to both legislative and Congressional redistricting.

All groups must be fairly represented in the process and in the resulting legislative and Congressional districts. Only then will Maryland citizens have confidence in the legislative process.

Sincerely,

Ella Ennis
Legislative Co-Chair
(443) 295-3989

Sharon Carrick
Legislative Co-Chair
(301) 464-1954