

The egregious redrawing of Maryland's congressional districts erases the voices of nearly one-third of the state's population. This action will further accelerate the outmigration of Maryland residents who are seeking fair and equal representation in their government. Over the past four years, Maryland has lost more than 120,000 residents—an average of 30,000 per year. At this rate, the state risks losing at least one seat in the U.S. House of Representatives following the next census.

Limiting the voices of political opposition does not promote unity; it deepens division. The map currently being proposed is among the most aggressively gerrymandered congressional maps in the nation. Maryland was recently subject to legal action over its congressional districts, and yet the state is now advancing an even more extreme proposal—one that is highly likely to be challenged and struck down in court.

If congressional districts are to be drawn using voter data, as they should be, then the current map itself warrants legal scrutiny. The fundamental problem is that both major parties have chosen to avoid meaningful public discussion. Instead, decisions are being made based solely on partisan ideology.

Maryland deserves congressional districts that are fair, competitive, and reflective of the will of its voters. Proceeding with this map will only exacerbate political division and further undermine public trust in our democratic institutions.