

Written testimony in opposition to HB0488

I am strongly against this bill and Gov. Moore's transparent attempt to further disenfranchise me. This map will leave the more than one million Marylanders who voted Republican in the last election with NO congressional representation. Almost twenty four percent of Maryland voters are Republican (with an additional twenty two plus percent independents) and only a bare majority – just over fifty one percent – are Democrats. How can Governor Moore possibly claim that having eight out of eight seats going to Democrats is a fair representation of this state? Assuming that independents split along the lines of those registered as party members on either side of the aisle, there should be at least three Republican Congressmen from this state.

I urge the House of Delegates to vote down this pernicious attempt to stack the Maryland Congressional delegation so heavily against a large portion of Maryland.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

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