

January 25, 2026

Re: HB 0488 Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress OPPOSE

Dear Members of the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee,

I recently became aware that the aforementioned bill is rapidly progressing through your committee and could become law during this session.

I strongly oppose this bill. Millions of conservative Marylanders will effectively be excluded from representation in Congress if this bill passes.

You, as individual delegates, should have an understanding of the implications of this bill for millions of your constituents? Do you comprehend that its passage will disenfranchise numerous communities? In essence, you will be depriving millions of citizens of their voice in Congress.

Most importantly, is this your intention? Reflect on the reasons for your election—to serve the citizens of Maryland. Is this in the best interests of, and equitable for, all your diverse constituents?

Please reconsider your support for this bill. Maryland already has a Democratic supermajority in the General Assembly in Annapolis. Please do not deprive Marylanders of their voices at the federal level.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Patty Hammond

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