

HB 482: Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commission (**Fair Districts for Maryland Act**):
Please VOTE TO **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I respectfully write in **strong support of HB 482 – Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commission (Fair Districts for Maryland Act)**.

This bill is a critical step toward ensuring that Maryland’s legislative and congressional districts are drawn **fairly, transparently, and in a manner that truly represents the voices of all residents**. By creating clear standards and a structured process for redistricting, HB 482 helps prevent partisan gerrymandering, promotes public trust in government, and strengthens our democratic institutions.

The Fair Districts for Maryland Act ensures that districts are **compact, contiguous, and representative**, respecting communities of interest while upholding the principle of one person, one vote. It provides **greater transparency and accountability** in the redistricting process, allowing citizens to participate and understand how decisions are made that affect their representation.

By supporting HB 482, the legislature demonstrates a commitment to **fair elections, equitable representation, and a government that reflects the will of the people**—values that are essential to the health and legitimacy of Maryland’s democracy.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to **vote to support HB 482**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Trudy Tibbals