



March 12, 2026

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

RE: **HB0056** – Single-Member Districts and Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment -**FAVORABLE**

Dear Chair Healey and Committee Members,

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women support HB 56 to amend the Maryland Constitution to require all House of Delegates Legislative Districts be single-member districts and the standards for redistricting be the same for Congressional Districts and Legislative Districts.

Having all House of Delegates Legislative Districts be single-member districts would increase the opportunity for voters to know their candidates as the districts would be smaller. It would reduce the cost of elections and increase the opportunity for independent candidates to be elected.

The establishment of an elected Congressional and Legislative Redistricting Convention could provide Maryland a greater opportunity to enact Congressional and Legislative Districts that are based on equal population, adjoining territory, compactness in form, similar community characteristics, and fairer opportunities to be elected. It would also provide Maryland the opportunity to lose its negative mantle as the most gerrymandered state in the Union.

Citizen participation in the redistricting process and in electing their representatives is essential to preserving and strengthening our democracy. For these reasons the MFRW urges your FAVORABLE Report for HB 56.

Sincerely,

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