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PLEASE VOTE NO on HB488

VOTE YES on HB482

Dear Members of Rules and Executive Nominations Committee:

I urge you to reject HB488 because it is clearly designed to nullify the voices of a minority by drawing legislative boundaries that are unnatural. While the Speaker created a Rural Caucus theoretically to respect and amplify minority voices in places like the Eastern Shore, this bill is aimed at eliminating those voices.

Marylanders deserve to be heard; ALL Marylanders. Mid-cycle redistricting is unnecessary and unwanted. The proposed changes are shockingly absurd, pulling democrats from the middle of the state near urban centers *across the Bay Bridge* and into the rural republican Eastern Shore.

Alternatively, **I urge your vote for HB482** which offers a more reasonable and just framework for dealing with redistricting issues by creating an independent commission that would meet only after the decennial census. This is more congruent with our Constitutional rights.

Thank you for acting on the above to give **all** Marylanders a voice.

Sincerely,

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