

January 25, 2026

Members of the House Rules Committee,

I am testifying in opposition to HB0488. Passage of this act will favor Democrats in all eight of Maryland's congressional districts. As a Republican who has lived in Maryland my entire life, specifically in Annapolis, I ask for fair representation. The newly conceived maps adopted by the committee will assure that Republican voice will be shut out of our congressional delegation. I feel strongly that democracy is best served when there is a balance of ideas and power through our two party system.

I urge this committee to reconsider whether redistricting was even necessary. It appears that the goal is not to create fairness, but to silence Maryland Republicans.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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