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The Honorable Delegate C.T. Wilson
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RE: HB0488, Election Districts - General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

The Honorable Delegate Wilson:

Last week, the Maryland State House launched the House Rural Caucus. This week, the Maryland State House is taking a sledgehammer to rural voting rights and working to disenfranchise Eastern Shore voters by erasing Congressional District 1.

Why? And why now?

Can Democrats in Annapolis really just run roughshod over us by erasing our voice and our vote? Here in Caroline County we have a lot of Republicans. Is that why? But an "extreme partisan gerrymander" was attempted in 2022, and was thrown out by a judge. So why in the world is HB0488 trying to do this again?

It's clear that this redistricting plan as set forth in HB0488 was rushed through with little opportunity for public input and voted on in secret by the commission. Otherwise there would be no way this bill would even be under consideration.

HB 488 will not pass Constitutional muster. Please drop it. Please spend time on policies that will actually benefit Marylanders, including those of us out here on the Eastern Shore.

Sincerely yours,

Julie J. Quick