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DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT 7:00P.M.
MAJORITY CAUCUS ROOM IN JAMES SENATE OFFICE BUILDING



OVERVIEW: The purpose of the meeting is to give Jeanne Hitchcock (in her role as Chair of the Governor's Redistricting Advisory Committee) and Joe Bryce an opportunity to present the Governor's congressional map to the members of your caucus *before* the map is released tomorrow. You will make introductory remarks, but you should allow Secretary Hitchcock to present and defend the map. Dan Friedman will make brief remarks explaining why we need to pass the map as emergency legislation.

TOPICS TO ADDRESS:

- Thank your colleagues for attending, especially on short notice. The letter that circulated within the caucus during session raised an issue of when and how meetings are called. Acknowledge that this meeting was called on short notice, and thank your colleagues for their patience. Emphasize that you felt it was important to bring this group together *before* the Governor releases his map publicly, because the Senate deserves an opportunity to be briefed about this issue instead of reading about it in the newspaper.
- Speak briefly about the GRAC process. While you are intimately familiar with the process, many of your colleagues are not. It's worth reminding them that the Governor's Redistricting Advisory Committee included five members, and held twelve meetings across the state at which it received public testimony from hundreds of Marylanders who are watching this process. One of the challenges that we face in creating a map is balancing the agendas of our members of Congress against the expressed will of the people who testified during the GRAC process.
- Specifically recognize Secretary Hitchcock for her leadership of GRAC. Secretary Hitchcock took the public hearing process very seriously. She sat



and listened through testimony – both polite and not so polite. It's not likely that she's going to spend any time in Harford County again anytime soon, after sitting through that hearing. In addition, she worked closely with the members of our congressional delegation and with many of your colleagues, including the Black Caucus, to make sure their concerns were heard. Secretary Hitchcock deserves our thanks for her work – and our support for her work product.

- Speak briefly to the fundamental challenges of the map. The Governor's map is *not* pretty, primarily because several Congressmen live in close proximity to each other and all of the Congressmen fought to keep what they currently represent. For example, Congressman Ruppertsberger has to have Aberdeen Proving Ground and Fort Meade because he serves on the Intelligence Committee. Congressman Sarbanes has to have Pikesville and Annapolis, because those communities are important parts of his district. In other words, no one in this room would have drawn the map the way that it is drawn.
- Acknowledge that the map does some good things. Even though the map isn't pretty, it accomplishes a few important goals. Namely:
 - It creates an opportunity for Montgomery County to control two congressional districts, an opportunity for Prince George's County to control two congressional districts, and an opportunity for the Baltimore region to preserve its existing representatives.
 - It protects the interests of minority communities, preserving the two majority-minority districts and preserving a large African-American voting bloc in the 5th congressional district.
 - It preserves all six incumbent Democrats in "safe" districts. Not one of our incumbents will be in a district with less than 58% Democratic performance. By way of comparison, 9 Democratic Senators represent districts where Barack Obama received less than 58% of the vote and 10 Democratic Senators represent districts where Martin O'Malley received less than 58% of the vote.
 - It gives Democrats a real opportunity to pick up a seventh seat in the delegation by targeting Roscoe Bartlett. In the face of Republican gains

in redistricting in other states around the nation, we have a serious obligation to create this opportunity.

- Briefly discuss the process for special session. We are expecting a brief special session, lasting two to three days. Here is how it is likely to work:
- On Monday, the Senate will convene in the morning. We will need to adopt a rule change in the morning to create a Senate Committee on Redistricting, which will have jurisdiction over the bills.
 - On Monday afternoon, the Senate and House Committees will hold a public hearing on the maps.
 - On Monday evening, at least one chamber will likely be in session in order to begin moving the map. It will not be a late night, but everyone should be prepared to be in Annapolis on Monday evening.
 - Ideally, we will be able to wrap up the maps during the day (or perhaps the early evening) the following day.



- Warn of the challenges of passing the map as emergency legislation. We have to pass all maps as emergency legislation, primarily so that they take effect in time for the primary – but secondarily in order to avoid them being petitioned to referendum. This is no small task – we need twenty-nine votes to pass a bill, and we are not going to receive a single Republican vote. It is therefore incumbent upon everyone in this room to come together around a map.

After your remarks, give the floor to Jeanne Hitchcock and Joe Bryce. Again, let them do the heavy lifting on this map – the more you interject, the more it will appear less like the Governor’s map and more like your map.