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The Honorable Richard Hall
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Hall,

I am writing to you regarding the recent Special Session of the Maryland General Assembly which solely focused on the congressional and local school board redistricting plans. On the opening day, there was also Senate legislation introduced that related to the proposed draft of the PlanMaryland document under consideration by the Department of Planning.

Although the Special Session did not take up substantive legislation related to matters other than redistricting, the sponsors of the bills expressed concern that PlanMaryland would be put in place in final form prior to commencement of the regular Session in January. As a compromise to the concerns that were raised by the sponsors, I spoke with Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee Chairman Joan Carter Conway who agreed to schedule a Senate Committee briefing on PlanMaryland prior to the regular legislative Session in January.

I am now writing to respectfully request that you coordinate with Chairman Conway so that she may work with her Committee and schedule a Senate hearing prior to implementation of the PlanMaryland plan. I believe this will be very helpful to member's understanding of what is being proposed and will allow for additional input on this issue.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,


Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

cc: The Honorable Joan Carter Conway
The Honorable Roy Dyson
The Honorable Nancy Jacobs
The Honorable E.J. Pipkin
The Honorable Paul Pinsky