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Today the House of Delegates passed the Governor's recommended Congressional Redistricting plan. There were four amendments offered and debated to the redistricting plan, but I did not consider any of the plans favorable to my constituents. The plan ultimately passed by a large majority.

In District 32, we are currently represented by three Congressmen, two of which represent the majority of my constituents. In the Governor's redistricting plan, 36 precincts of District 32 will remain with Congressman Ruppertsberger and Congressman Sarbanes, both of these Congressmen and their staff have given my constituents absolutely stellar constituent service, five precincts will be included in the new Fourth Congressional District.

Congressman Ruppertsberger was named Ranking Member of the Intelligence Committee in 2011. He currently represents the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Fort Meade and NSA. He wanted to continue to represent these important installations and considering his committee standing, I thought it was important to have him remain as our representative.

Congressman John Sarbanes was re-elected in my district with an overwhelming majority. Serving on the Natural Resource Committee allows Congressman Sarbanes to work on legislation that directly impacts the Chesapeake Bay. Congressman Sarbanes shares my strong support for educational issues and also understands the importance of protecting our environment.

Five of my precincts will be represented by a Congresswoman new to our area. I have not worked directly with Congresswoman Edwards, but I have met her and I am certain she will provide excellent representation.

I heard from several constituents about the desire to have one Congressman for all of Anne Arundel County, and it was certainly a sentiment expressed on the House Floor. I would have liked to have seen a more unified map however, considering the excellent representation we have received from Congressmen Ruppertsberger and Sarbanes, I saw no reason to change our current representation. Having two congressmen to work for us has been beneficial to District 32.

Thank you for allowing me the honor to represent the constituents of District 32 for the past five years. Please continue to stay in touch. My contact information is:

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