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SB 264

**Frederick County - Elderly or
Disabled Renters – Grants**

County Position: SUPPORT

Date: January 29, 2020
Committee: Appropriations

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner urges your **SUPPORT** for Senate Bill 264 – Frederick County – Elderly or Disabled Renters - Grants.

Completed and released in 2017 by United Ways throughout Maryland, The ALICE Report (an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed), revealed more than one third or 750,000 of Maryland households cannot afford the state's high cost of living. In Frederick County 32 percent – over 28,500 households – struggle to meet the costs of living. Affordable housing is often a barrier to financial stability for these individuals and households, and is a particular need for our most vulnerable citizens – seniors, families with children, and those with disabilities.

County Executive Gardner supports the provisions in the proposed legislation that:

- Adds Frederick County to State's Renters Tax Credit as delineated in the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 9-402;
- Increases potential renters tax credit by approximately 50% to seniors, households with children and people with disabilities through local legislation;
- Provides for greater affordability for housing to seniors, households with children, and people with disabilities; and
- Does not duplicate or supplant other existing housing programs or housing that is subsidized in any way by government.

Frederick County Executive Gardner urges favorable **SUPPORT** for House Bill 264.