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Testimony in Support of HB567 - Residential Property - Affordable Housing Land Trusts - Authority to Establish Condominium Regimes

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Thank You Chair Barve, Vice-Chair Stein, and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee, I am Delegate Robbyn Lewis testifying on behalf of HB567, which will strengthen the creation of affordable housing for low-income Marylanders.

Current laws make it difficult for Affordable Housing Land Trusts to develop property on their land. This bill seeks to exempt Affordable Housing Land Trusts from provisions that drive up the cost of development. This simple bill will exempt land trust organizations from the ground lease rules. My panel will further explain the benefits of this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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