



HB0976 - Real Property – Sale of Apartment Facilities – Rights of Qualified Organizations

**Hearing before the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee,
Feb. 28, 2023**

Position: FAVORABLE

Founded in 2010, the Renters Alliance is the first and only regional nonprofit dedicated exclusively to renter outreach, education, organizing and advocacy. We thank Senator Alonzo Washington for his leadership on this issue.

We again thank Delegate Henson for her leadership on this issue.

Mold continues to be a debilitating health hazard for tens of thousands of Marylanders, especially low-income renters, children, seniors and residents suffering from respiratory illness. The Renters Alliance annually hears from scores of renters suffering from mold in their apartment homes. But for most, remediation is varied and often ineffective with mold becoming a chronic health issue.

It's time for Maryland to align its mold remediation with the standards and enforcement practices proposed in this legislation.

We urge a favorable report.

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