

Maryland General Assembly  
Environmental and Transportation Committee  
In Favor of HB0477—Just Cause, Local Enabling

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My name is Melek Demir. I'm a former Silver Spring resident and current North Potomac resident.

I say "current" North Potomac resident because after being a perfect tenant (paid rent on time with a quiet lifestyle); having set up my livelihood- a home office and establishing a circle of support, I learned two weeks ago that my lease would not be renewed. I live in what used to be a designated Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit, but the term for that MPDU has expired after the 20 year commitment with the county. So now I am being targeted with Tenant Holding Over eviction if I stay one day beyond my lease term. Without just-cause protection, I have little or no defense.

I would be extremely disappointed if any person who votes on this bill ran on a platform of unhousing their constituents. But know that by **not supporting this** bill that is exactly what will happen.

Montgomery County is a generous county, but wiser decisions need to be made when it comes to unaffordable rental housing. I ask that each of you consider the tens of thousands of renters like me who depend on a stable home for our work and healthy lives. I urge you to support this legislation as a basic protection against greed and abuse...and in the public interest for stable, healthy, prosperous communities

Thank you.