

Greeting to the Sponsor Delegate Henson and all other Esteemed Delegates,

My name is Toni Strong Pratt and I'm submitting testimony in favor of HB105. This bill very much needs to become law for many different reasons. 1st and foremost there needs to be accountability and checks and balances as it pertains to reporting information for some of our most vulnerable population. I have witnessed first-hand what the lack of being in compliance and reporting looks like for the residents that live in low income housing. The inequities and inequality that they endure is more than unfair. This law will enable citizens to click on a website and search for ourselves compliance reports and be able to assist residents to advocate for themselves and much easier to help us as advocates advocate on behalf of residents!

This bill will also operate as a second eye for our governor as another organization will keep track of the data and report. We must move forward and hold the powers that be accountable! People generally do better when there is accountability. We can no longer give passes to these companies that aren't in compliance and offer them tax credits when they aren't following the guidelines. Too many times as I assisted residents to maneuver through their process of finding out whether their landlords were in compliance we hit a brick wall! Please join me in voting in favor of bill HB105! Thank you Delegate Henson for championing bills that will protect our most vulnerable population. Thank you all for giving me this opportunity to testify.

Best,

Toni Strong Pratt