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**Re: Support of SB 629 – Landlord and Tenant – Eviction Data – Collection and Distribution**

Dear Honorable Chair Smith and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Maryland Community Action Partnership (MCAP) to urge your support of SB 629 – Landlord and Tenant – Eviction Data – Collection and Distribution.

The Maryland Community Action Partnership (MCAP) is a statewide non-profit organization comprised of Maryland's 17 Community Action Agencies, which collectively serve every Maryland county. Together, we work toward eradicating homelessness and poverty to realize our vision of ensuring that all Maryland individuals and families are stable, economically secure, and live in safe and thriving communities.

MCAP supports SB 629 because of its impact on the individuals and families with low-income that our organizations serve.

**If passed, the bill would:**

- Require the Judiciary to collect certain data pertaining to a warrant of restitution or a writ of possession issued in accordance with a certain judgment for possession of residential property.
- Require the Judiciary to share eviction data with the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) every 2 weeks.
- Require the DHCD to publish a data dashboard on their website and make eviction data available to state agencies or an academic institution located in the State.
- Require a report on eviction data to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before August 31, 2023, and every year thereafter.

It is MCAP's position that this legislation will facilitate the collection and distribution of critically important information about the eviction rate in the state of Maryland. This data will better equip state and local agencies, private non-profit organizations, and community partners to address the housing needs of Marylanders with low-income. Allowing this information to remain unreported will greatly hinder the effort to ensure that every Marylander is able to achieve stability and economic security in their community.

If there is any additional information that I can provide for you as you consider this bill, I would be happy to help. You can contact me at [amartin@maryland-cap.org](mailto:amartin@maryland-cap.org), or by calling 205-757-0764.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Angela Martin", written in a cursive style.

Angela Martin, Executive Director