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Testimony from Katherine Dangel

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Hello, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. My name is Katherine Dangel, and I am a sixth grader at Glenwood Middle School, in Western Howard County. I am here to support Senate Bill 816, which creates protections for pet owners facing evictions.

I moved in 2019, and I remember how difficult it felt; how unpredictable. I can only imagine if my family was facing an eviction, especially if we didn't know if our pets were okay. I moved under optimal circumstances; it was planned, I really wanted to do it, but it still felt out of control. If we were facing an eviction, it would be even harder. We knew that everything would be okay when we moved, most people facing evictions don't.

When I was moving, I really needed my dogs. They always made me feel better; if I didn't think they would be okay, it would be so much harder. I want to make sure everyone can have their pets through these difficult times.

When I was moving, there was a lot of planning, even for an optimal move. If we didn't have help planning the move, I doubt that everything would have gone so smoothly. I want more people to have these resources and have better moves.

And if the people don't plan for it, why should the pet suffer. Our pets do so much for us and are so loyal.

I was lucky on my move, because my pets got to stay with me. I want everyone to have these same merits. Please vote yes on Senate Bill 816.