



TESTIMONY FOR HB1330

Partnership Rental Housing Program - Mixed-Income Housing Developments (More Homes for Marylanders Act)

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Stewart

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB1330 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists, and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

This bill is designed to help Marylanders who fall in the middle-income category (income that does not exceed 75% of the median income in the area for a family of like-size). It recognizes that there is a shortage of decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing for low- and middle-income households. To address this shortage, a partnership is established among the State, political subdivisions, housing authorities, the private sector, and low- and middle-income households to develop, operate, and maintain affordable housing that will remain affordable for at least 75 years.

This partnership will be very beneficial in ensuring that the voices of all of the affected parties are heard and will help come up with more creative solutions.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.