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BILL NO.: **HB 34**

TITLE: **Failure to Pay Rent Proceedings - Prohibition on Rent Increases and Sealing of Court Records**

SPONSOR: Delegate Hill

COMMITTEE: Appropriations

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: January 26, 2023

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 34 – Failure to Pay Rent Proceedings - Prohibition on Rent Increases and Sealing of Court Records. This legislation would prohibit a landlord from increasing a tenant’s rent because a judgment was entered against the tenant in a failure to pay rent action.

Baltimore County is committed to ensuring that each and every family throughout the State of Maryland can find a safe place to call home. For many, however, securing attainable housing can be a significant challenge. Baltimore County is currently in the process of making targeted policy changes to expand housing attainability to residents and streamline local housing policy to ensure no resident is left behind.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 34. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.