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Testimony prepared for the
Judicial Proceedings Committee
on
Senate Bill 162
January 30, 2024
Position: **Favorable**

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify about access to housing and the rights of tenants. I am Lee Hudson, assistant to the bishop for public policy in the Delaware-Maryland Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are a faith community with three synods in every part of Maryland.

The population considered by **Senate Bill 162**, medically vulnerable people, are likely to have difficulty finding and keeping adequate housing. Economically disadvantaging them further through landlord-tenant transactions will simply increase homelessness, an outcome that disadvantages the public interest. The required humane principle for a policy contemplating medical vulnerability is limiting the financial risk of the affected.

Please give this bill your favorable report.

Lee Hudson