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TESTIMONY ON SB#644 - POSITION: FAVORABLE
Landlord and Tenant-Residential Leases and Holdover Tenancies-Local Just Cause
Termination Provisions

TO: Chair Will Smith, Vice-chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Anita Lampel

My name is Anita Lampel. I am a resident of District 16. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#644.

I am a member of Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation, the Womens' Democratic Club of Montgomery County, and Giving Together, a philanthropic group. My Jewish values and ethics call upon me to not abuse the poor or leave them without shelter. From this flows my support of SB644, which would end evictions of persons at the end of their lease without good cause to do so.

My mother's parents immigrated and lived lives of poverty, seven children in a two-bedroom apartment. How hard was that! And our families in Maryland who make their rent payments, sometimes at the cost of medicine or food, and still do not have leases renewed for no good cause? How can we have this in 2024? And this happens because we would not need legislation if it did not. I was in the Montgomery County Council audience when there was a call from councilmembers for just such a bill so they could address the problems in our county correctly.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#644.