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TESTIMONY ON SB #0644 - POSITION: FAVORABLE

Landlord and Tenant - Residential Leases and Holdover Tenancies - Local Just Cause Termination Provisions

TO: Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Rachel Kassman

My name is Rachel Kassman. I am a resident of District 45. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB0644, Landlord and Tenant - Residential Leases and Holdover Tenancies - Local Just Cause Termination Provisions.

Following the above introductory paragraph, in this paragraph you should describe who you are, what synagogue or other organizations you belong to, not including JUFJ. It is actually more powerful not to list JUFJ since we will also be submitting separate JUFJ testimony. Share why you care about the bill -- mention your values, Jewish tradition, moral framework, personal experience with the issue, professional expertise, etc. that guide your viewpoint.

Use the body paragraphs to more fully present your personal story, how it relates to the proposed bill, and how passing or rejecting the bill will improve the lives of people in Maryland. What do you think will be fixed/broken by passing this bill? What would have been different, positively or negatively, if this bill had been a law when your personal story occurred? In total, your testimony should be roughly a page, so you don't need to add a ton of detail.

The closing paragraph should reiterate your position on the bill. Explain why you think the bill will be effective/ineffective, outcomes that the bill will achieve, etc. This does not need to be long. End with: **I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB0644.**