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To: Judicial Proceedings Committee
From: Lisa Radov, President and Chair, Maryland Votes for Animals, Inc.
Re: Renters' Rights and Stabilization Act of 2024 – SB 481 - Support

Chair Korman, Vice - Chair Boyce, members of the Environment and Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today. My name is Lisa Radov. I am the President and Chairman of Maryland Votes for Animals, Inc. We champion humane legislation to improve the lives of animals in Maryland. Speaking for Maryland Votes for Animals, our Board of Directors, and our members across the State of Maryland, I respectfully ask that the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee vote favorably for Renters' Rights and Stabilization Act of 2024 – SB 481.

This bill helps protect Maryland tenants with a variety of specific elements. We support efforts to assist Maryland renters to obtain affordable housing. Maryland Votes for Animals is aware of the problem of housing insecurity. Since affordability for residents is an issue, we appreciate that this bill caps security deposits as it enlists a variety of departments and stakeholders to uphold the rights of Maryland tenants.

In closing, I would like to thank The President for his sponsorship of SB 481 and ask the committee for a favorable report.