

As a Prince George's County resident I support SB 651 and House Bill 709. I believe a tenant who has consistently met their lease obligations, made timely rent payments, and demonstrated a commitment to the property, should be afforded the opportunity to continue renting the unit upon lease expiration, provided the landlord intends to continue renting the property on the open market. As the dream of homeownership becomes increasingly unattainable for many, good cause eviction protections are essential in enabling residents to maintain stability in their communities and promoting accountability among large landlords. In instances where a landlord declines to offer a lease renewal to the current tenant, they should be obligated to provide a legitimate reason, or "good cause," for doing so.