

My name is Ayanna Bunch, I live in Adelphi Maryland - I have lived in Maryland on and off for 20 years. I am a part of the Social Justice Committee of A Wider Circle - I am here to share about an issue that impacts our community.

I believe House Bill 767 is a critical measure to ensure that tenants have notice of their impending eviction date and a limited period of time to reclaim their personal possessions in case an eviction is executed.

This bill is important to me because I feel that people should have enough time to get their belongings despite the situation. This is everything they have and own. It is not right that their items are held or thrown out without cause or notification.

Evictions are not just a symptom of poverty; evictions cause poverty and homelessness - especially when renting families lose all their belongings. The Tenant Possessions Recovery Act (HB 767) would mitigate this trauma by requiring that tenants receive 14 days' notice of the eviction date and a 10-day window to reclaim their belongings if an eviction is executed.

Please pass this bill HB 767.

If you and your family were evicted wouldn't you want the dignity of 10 days to get your belongings to your next residence?