

Good afternoon -

My name is Chissell Baker and I am a Marylander.

The Time to Act is Now – Protect Maryland Renters!

The foundation of justice is not force—it is wisdom in action. Like the creative power of the heavens, true leadership moves with strength and foresight, not recklessness. Yet today, Maryland allows landlords to cast tenants out with no time, no grace, no dignity. The moment an eviction happens, belongings—memories, tools of survival, pieces of a life—are tossed aside like refuse. This is not justice. This is not order.

A society that discards its people's dignity weakens its own foundation. Stability is the root of progress, and when we strip people of their right to reclaim what is theirs, we fracture not only their future but our own. To allow just 10 days—10 simple days—is not a radical demand. It is the bare minimum of humanity.

The laws we write today shape the world we walk in tomorrow. Will Maryland be a place of wisdom, strength, and fairness? Or will it cling to policies that disrupt, destabilize, and destroy?

Now is the time to act. Not in hesitation, not in doubt, but with the clear force of righteousness. Let us ensure that no person, no family, no child is left watching their life be thrown away. Ten days is not charity. It is justice. It is time.

I urge the passage of HB 767.