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**WOMEN LEGISLATORS OF MARYLAND**  
**THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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To: Delegate Marc Korman, Chair  
Delegate Regina T. Boyce, Vice Chair  
Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

The Maryland Women's Caucus is proud to express our strong support for **HB1076: Residential Real Property - Landlord and Tenant - Notice of Landlord Entry**. This important legislation requires landlords to provide tenants with written notice at least 48 hours in advance before entering leased premises, except in cases of emergency, and gives the court the authority to issue injunctions or assess damages in certain situations.

For many women in Maryland, the right to privacy and security in their homes is critical. Women, particularly single mothers, survivors of domestic violence, and low-income women, often face unique challenges in securing safe and stable housing. Unexpected or unscheduled entries into a rented home can be distressing and disruptive, potentially exacerbating feelings of vulnerability.

By ensuring that tenants receive proper notice before a landlord enters their home, HB1076 supports women's ability to maintain a safe, secure, and stable living environment. This bill recognizes the importance of protecting privacy, especially for individuals who are already at risk of exploitation or abuse. Providing advance notice helps women feel more in control of their homes, reduces the likelihood of unnecessary stress, and helps foster trust between tenants and landlords.

Additionally, this legislation is crucial for survivors of domestic violence, who often live in fear of unannounced intrusions that could be unsettling or dangerous. By giving women the ability to plan and prepare for any necessary landlord visits, HB1076 can alleviate potential risks and increase their sense of safety.

For these reasons, the Maryland Women's Caucus strongly urges the Environment and Transportation Committee to issue a favorable report for HB1076. This bill represents an important step in protecting the rights and security of women, ensuring that they have the privacy and peace of mind they deserve in their homes.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to improving the lives of Maryland's women and families.