



**TESTIMONY FOR SB0856**  
**Mold – Landlord Requirements and Regulations (Maryland Tenant Mold Protection Act)**

**Bill Sponsor:** Senator Henson

**Committee:** Judicial Proceedings

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in strong support of SB0856 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Mold is a killer. It causes severe health damage and sometimes death. In older buildings, and buildings that are not maintained properly, mold is a constant issue.

This bill will require that a pamphlet be created or taken from the Environmental Protection Agency's website regarding mold remediation resources and how to control mold. Landlords will have to give that pamphlet to all tenants and have them sign that they have received the information. Additionally, the landlord would have to perform a mold assessment and mold remediation within 45 days of notice by either a tenant or the agency enforcing housing and livability codes.

This is good practice. It helps ensure that tenants are able to get moldy conditions remediated, which is nothing short of life-saving, especially for children.

We strongly support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.