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HB 571 - Nonprofit Housing Corporations – Tax and Enforcement of Judgment Exemptions – Alterations

Hearing before the Senate Budget and Tax Committee on Mar. 31, 2026

Position: Favorable

The Public Justice Center (PJC) is a nonprofit public interest law firm that stands with tenants to protect and expand their rights to safe, habitable, affordable, and non-discriminatory housing and their rights to fair and equal treatment by Maryland's landlord-tenant laws, courts, and agencies. We represent or advise over 800 renter households each year, and we advocate to change laws to further a human right to housing.

Public Justice Center supports HB 571 as amended by the House because the bill will support development, redevelopment, and preservation of safe and sanitary housing for limited-income families. Public Justice Center frequently represents the families who live in these affordable homes as well as the families who are on decades-long wait lists for affordable housing. The need for new affordable homes has never been greater, and HB 571 is a common-sense way for the state to facilitate preservation and redevelopment by non-profit corporations.

The sponsor and proponents of the bill have addressed the concerns we had with the bill in its original form, and we appreciate their good faith during the negotiations.

Public Justice Center asks that the Committee **issue a FAVORABLE report on HB 571.**