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Montgomery County Councilmember Will Jawando
Testimony Supporting HB0774 (Landlord and Tenant - Residential Leases and Holdover Tenancies -
Local Good Cause Termination (Good Cause Eviction))

Dear Chair Valderrama, Vice Chair Charkoudian, and members of the Economic Matters Committee,

I am writing to share my strong support for HB0774 (Good Cause Eviction), which was cross-filed with SB0462. This legislation will provide an important additional tool for counties to use to protect our renters, who, like all of our residents, deserve a safe, stable, and dignified place to live.

Growing up as a renter, I am keenly aware of the importance of the government creating safeguards to ensure housing stability for our renters, who deserve the same sense of security and stability with their housing as residents who own their own homes. In Montgomery County, 40% of our residents are renters, and renters are disproportionately people of color. As legislators, we must do what we can to craft law and policy responsive to the needs of this significant segment of our population.

From my experience as a legislator, legislation that is driven by an interest in creating safeguards for our renters will often invite significant opposition from corporate interests that would prefer to keep the status quo, which is unfortunately stacked against residents who are most vulnerable. I urge you to keep our residents front of mind and advance law and policy that advances their interests. Over time, I believe commonsense protections for our renters such as Good Cause Eviction will be seen as the norm, with even broader support, as more stability for our renters means more stability for our economy overall.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony. You may contact me at councilmember.jawando@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Jawando", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Will Jawando