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for Maryland's children, youth and families**

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SUPPORT – SB0937 - Landlord and Tenant - Residential Leases - Prospective Tenant Criminal History Records Check (Maryland Fair Chance Housing Act)

Dear Senators:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Local Management Boards, I am writing in support of **SB0937 - Landlord and Tenant - Residential Leases - Prospective Tenant Criminal History Records Check (Maryland Fair Chance Housing Act)** to protect those looking for housing by prohibiting a landlord from requiring or requesting from a prospective tenant certain information relating to criminal history and prohibiting a landlord from considering certain information when evaluating the prospective tenant.

Local Management Boards in each county and jurisdiction in the State of Maryland work in low income neighborhoods to address the needs of children and families in their respective jurisdiction. We are in a housing crisis, and families are struggling to find affordable housing. With exceptions, this bill prohibits landlords from requesting certain information about their criminal history or even drug tests for housing.

We urge you to support SUPPORT – SB0937 - Landlord and Tenant - Residential Leases - Prospective Tenant Criminal History Records Check (Maryland Fair Chance Housing Act) to support more people to access housing and given them a fair chance.

Sincerely,

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Chair