

Hello. My name is Jada Capri Ward, and I am here in strong support of this bill on deed fraud prevention.

My family experienced deed fraud firsthand, and as a result, we lost our home over ten years ago. I watched my mother suffer in ways no one should. I saw her cries and pleas for help fall by the wayside. She did everything right—from the day she purchased her home more than twenty years earlier until the very end. Yet, she was blamed for something that was not her fault.

That experience caused deep trauma and instability that my family is still working through today. While we've been able to move forward, the impact of losing your home through fraud never truly leaves you. It's a haunting reminder of how vulnerable families can be when protections fail.

I want to thank Delegate Ruff for bringing attention to this devastating issue. This bill is about accountability, prevention, and protecting Maryland families from losing everything to fraud.

For those reasons, I proudly support this bill. Thank you.