

Dear Chairman Luke H. Clippinger and Members of the House
Judiciary Committee

What is the objective of passing HB 478 and HB 729?

My wife Heather and I have been in the rental business for close to 40 years. We currently own 12 units in Baltimore City. Baltimore city and the surrounding areas are often express concern about affordable housing. This legislation will have the exact opposite effect.

It seems particularly ludicrous, in these Covid times, to pass even more onerous laws that impede the housing market.

The increase in fees and the inability to a collect from the tenant would mean that landlords would have to be more careful in there screening of perspective tenants. This would ultimately lead to a shortage of housing for tenants on the margins.

Please do not allow this bill to pass. I can see no legitimate reason for it.