

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and members of the committee,

Re: Support for SB 282-1. Tenant COVID Protections.

For the record my name is Angela Fendley and I am writing to testify in support of tenant stability.

The pandemic has resulted in a record number of people now experiencing homelessness. If the eviction moratorium is not extended the number will sky rocket even further. We will be dealing with this pandemic and it's effects for the foreseeable future. Unemployment rates remain high and many are dealing with food scarcity. So many in our community are dealing with stress and trauma at levels they have never seen before. We need to keep the eviction moratorium safety net in place to keep many from falling further than they already have.

This bill will help stabilize renter households and ensure that there is time for state and federal assistance to reach landlords and resolve back rent debt. I urge you to pass this bill. We owe it to our community, to our Black and Brown neighbors, to the children.

Sincerely,

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