

21 March 2021

To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development

Re: Senate Bill 838

Dear Chair Senator Jama, Vice-Chair Senator Linthicum, and members of the Committee:

I am opposed to SB 838 as written.

The way I read the bill it is a bit ambiguous. It seems to be saying, in lines 5 thru 7, ".... establish a registry of all real property owned by a corporation, ... for commercial purposes.... or offered for rent."

Does this bill intend to create a registry for all rental property? Or just that property owned by a corporation, et. al.? Or just that property let out for commercial purposes?

If it would include privately owned property that is rented then I am completely against this bill.

Would "... other legal entity include not-for-profit and non-profit organizations, etc.?

I think this bill needs more clarification before it is passed.

This bill would also do well to explain just why this legislation is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Wisner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Richard Wisner