Ridgely Fuller Belfast LD 1522

Dear Members of the Housing and Economic Development Committee, As a retired social worker familiar with housing insecure families I am asking you to support LD 1522. I have worked both with HeadStart and elementary school families facing eviction and can attest to the trauma such housing insecurity evokes in children who face the loss of school mates, familiar school and social routine, familiar neighborhood as they are forced to travel from home to home, often several times during one school year.

LD 1522 is a critical step in helping these children retain stability in all of the critical mentioned areas so their emotional economic growth can procees without interruption. Our families, whose missing rent payments is often not through their fault, need stability to provide nourishing homes for their children. Please support LD1522 to decrease evictions.