RENTERS' RIGHTS



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THE PROBLEM

Renters have little agency when faced with threats to their health, safety, and housing stability. They face steep barriers to accessing justice through the courts.

THE PEOPLE

All renters in Maryland, especially those living in poverty. People facing eviction are overwhelmingly women, people of color, and households with children.

THE LEGISLATION

- Clearly defining "rent" as only fixed costs.
- Helping renters report unsafe conditions and making landlords fix them.
- The right to legal counsel for renters in rent court.
- Require landlords to provide a legal justification for eviction or refusal to renew a lease.

While legislative details may change, we expect renters' rights to be an important issue for our partners in 2020.