

November 17, 2022

The Honorable Nick Mosby
Council President
Chair, Committee of the Whole
Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holiday Street, Suite 500
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Council Bill 22-0195, Inclusionary Housing for Baltimore City

Dear Council President Mosby and members of the Committee of the Whole,

I was born and raised in Baltimore. And while over the years I've called other places temporary resting places, Baltimore will always be home. I've been an advocate and community organizer for many issues such as ending rape culture and intimate partner violence, supporting the efforts of the say her name coalition, quality education as human right, better oversight of Baltimore City policy, interfaith coalition building, and LGBTQIA+ rights and access. While deeply advocating for Black women, girls, femmes, and the larger Black community, it is clear to me that the issue of inclusionary housing is a vast and important issue that directly impacts every community. We cannot drag our feet in making sure new developers who are making money off working-class Baltimoreans include affordable housing options in their plans. We cannot stand by idly waiting for more and more native Baltimoreans to become houseless and homeless because they cannot afford housing in Baltimore city. The time to stand for comprehensive inclusionary housing is now. Waiting is literally a matter of life and death. Support this bill, future funding, and all efforts to make sure every Baltimorean has access to their basic human right of affordable, inclusionary housing.

In solidarity,

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