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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
FROM: Janet Abrahams, Chief Executive Officer 
CC: Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE: January 15, 2026
SUBJECT: City Council Bill 25-0087 (Eviction Chattels – Time Period to Reclaim)

The Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC) has received a referral for comment on City Council Bill 25-0087. The bill seeks to require landlords to retain a tenant's property for specified period under certain circumstances, it is also requiring specific notice be provided upon eviction. This bill generally relates to eviction and a tenant's right to reclaim their property.

HABC administers the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs, which provide rental assistance for low-income households in Baltimore City, and is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Per HUD requirements, HABC cannot use federal funds to store a resident's personal property pursuant to the provisions of the proposed bill. Therefore, we request that HABC be exempt from the requirements of City Council Bill 25-0087.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Abrahams, HABC President & CEO