

06 May 2021

To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development

Re: House Bill 2484 A

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

I am opposed to this bill and urge the Committee to stop it from going further.

With the numerous bills put out during this 2021 legislative session affecting privately owned rental property I'm almost surprised someone hasn't sponsored a bill to turn over all privately owned rental housing entirely to the state and its various agencies. That sure seems to be where the legislators are leading us in 2021.

As if forcing private rental property owners to provide free housing to unscrupulous tenants isn't enough—we'll now be forced to allow our property to be used as a business. Or am I misconstruing the gist of "family child care home"?

And the Early Learning Council, that bastion of commerce and enterprise, is going to establish the rules, eh? What the heck sort of bright idea is that?

The sort of official arrogance shown by the sponsors and supporters of this bill is by no means new. It is though perhaps more common in dictatorships than in republics.

If this bill passes it will become another prime example of the down-side of democracy where, by definition, individual rights will not be popular.

This bill is simply further encroachment onto the rights of private property owners put forth under the guise of helping the helpless. In this case, yet again, the oppressed renters of the state. I miss the days when we were a free country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Wisner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Wisner