



# Reporting Discrimination

As of October 1, 2020 the HOME Act (state law) prohibits discrimination on the basis of a person's source of income. This means a landlord may not discriminate against you for participating in the Baltimore Housing Mobility Program and using our rental assistance to help pay your rent. It also prevents a landlord from discriminating against you if you pay your rent from benefits such as SSI, Veteran's Benefits, child support, or TCA. State law also protects residents from housing discrimination on the basis of marital status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination on the federal level in the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial stats, and disability.

### What to Do If You Suspect Discrimination

If you feel you're being denied housing, because your participation in the Baltimore Housing Mobility Program or are being discriminated based on any other protected class mentioned above, please take the following actions:

- Document, document, document!
- Write down anytime you interact with the landlord/property manager in a notebook or keep notes on your phone
- Keep any documents (advertisements, pamphlets, etc.) about the property you're living in or trying to rent
- Keep documents together in a safe location



## Contacts for Reporting Discrimination

#### Federal/State:

- ► Housing & Urban Development (HUD): Region III
  - **▶** (888) 799-2085
  - ► ComplaintsOffice03@hud.gov
- ► Statewide: Contact the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights
  - **410-767-8600**
  - mccr@maryland.gov

#### County:

- ► Anne Arundel County: Anne Arundel County Human Relations Commission
  - **410-222-1234**
- ▶ Baltimore City: Baltimore Community Relations Commission
  - **10-396-3143**
  - crcintake@baltimorecity.gov
- ▶ Baltimore County: Baltimore County Human Relations Commission
  - **410-887-5917**
- Carroll County: Carroll County Housing and Community Development
  - **410-386-3600**
- ► Harford County:
  - ► Harford County Dept. of Housing and Community Development: 410-638-3045



- ► Contact the Harford County Human Relations Commission: 410-638-4739
- ► Howard County: Howard County Office of Human Rights
  - **410-313-6430**

