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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE HOME ACT, BILL 16-23;
AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE 'ANTI-RENT GOUGING' BILL 15-23**

I reside in District 4.

In 2017, I led the successful campaign to get the County to acknowledge the climate catastrophe and declare a climate emergency. Sadly, the County has done little to follow up on that declaration.

Therefore, many of us have demonstrated, lobbied and worked to elect better officials. Indeed, I have been arrested twice since 2017 seeking real action on climate.

The HOME Act is so important because we need a stable, unstressed population if we are to face the challenges posed by climate change. You can't get involved in politics if you are fighting eviction or try to sleep in over-crowded quarters to afford your rent.

If you care about taking effective action on climate, please pass the HOME Act and reject the Landlord Bill.