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Montgomery County Council
Council Office Building
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RE: HOME Act, Bill 16-23, and Bill 15-23

Dear Council Members:

I am Laura Yeomans, a resident of District 5. For many years I worked as a program manager for Catholic Charities serving hundreds of families in Montgomery County suffering economic, health, employment challenges that caused families to suffer the threat of eviction. Many county residents barely have the income resources to cover monthly rents and other essentials. Allowing significant rent increases will increase the hardships faced by many working families.

It is important to me that our County's policies provide effective protections against the devastating effects of eviction, relocation and homelessness. Clearly, the **Housing Opportunity, Mobility, & Equity (HOME) Act (Bill 16-23)** is more effective at preserving a community that is racially and economically diverse.

I ask the Montgomery County Council to pass the HOME Act and reject the alternative (15-23) that would permit double-digit rent increases.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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