

Richard Renner

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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 Richard Renner, a resident of District 5. My wife and I chose to live in the Wheaton area because we want to be part of a diverse community. For us, abating the effects of poverty is a community responsibility. 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.

As a volunteer in our local Pro Bono legal program, I too often see local residents who are faced with impossible economic choices that threaten their ability to afford housing in this community.

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,



Richard Renner