

Dear Montgomery County Council,

*Good evening, my name Aime Tchemeni, I'm 44 years old, I'm Montgomery County resident, I'm undocumented immigrant waiting to my asylum case to be solve.*

I am writing to ask for your support of Rent Stabilization Bill 16-23: The Housing Opportunity, Mobility, and Equity Act in MoCo. Tenants need to know that if their rent increases, it will be by a reasonable amount of money, no more than 3% of their current rent for the next 12 months.

I understand rent stabilization as the Montgomery county to protect right of tenents .

I have been in this country for 5 years. As an undocumented immigrant I have had very difficult time to this day, I been taken to court because I was not able to pay my rent. My landlord considerably increases the amount of rent (10%) every year. when I was summoned to court, I explained my income could not afford me to pay, the court decision authorized my eviction in addition the lessor took away my valuables

When tenants are forced to leave because of excessive rent increases, it hurts not just that particular tenant but all of us. Schools are destabilized when families are forced to move. Jobs are lost when tenants move far away to afford the rent. Communities are uprooted when tenants can no longer stay in housing they may have occupied for years.

As a resident of the County, I believe that it is critical that we put people first. I am asking for a YES vote on the HOME Act, Bill 16-23.

Sincerely,

*Aime Tchemeni*

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