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Esteemed Montgomery County Council:

My name is Andres Hernandez. I am from Colombia and I live in Silver Spring since about 5 years ago. I am writing to ask your support of Bill 16-23: Home Opportunity and Mobility and Equity Act. The tenants deserve to know that if their rent is going to increase, it will be for a reasonable amount of money, no more than 3% of their actual rent for the next 12 months. Many times, tenants are forced to go because of excessive rent increases, not only does that affect the tenant in particular, but all of us. Children's schooling is destabilized for having to change schools when families are forced to move. Jobs are lost when tenants have to move far away to more affordable places. Communities become affected when tenants are not able to remain in their homes that they have lived in for years. Councilmembers and rest of Community representatives please help us so that our proposed bill stays and is approved as this will benefit thousands of families. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Andres Hernandez