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Testimony for the HOME Act (Bill 16-23)

I moved to Silver Spring a few weeks ago and I am feeling very lost and unsure about my future living here. My best friend living in the area has decided not to renew their lease because their rent went up 25%. This is insane. I'm afraid that this will happen to me, and I know some of my other friends are considering moving out of the county as well for rent increase reasons. This area will not be affordable for the average person, let alone anyone with lower income, going forward if we don't stabilize rent immediately. If we don't act now, every artist, creative, or working class person will leave this area, and Montgomery County will become an uncultured, inauthentic, and inaccessible place to live that is devoid of character.