

Dear Montgomery County Council,

Good evening, my name is Evelyne NANGOUP, I'm 52 years old, I have lived in Montgomery County since 2019, and I'm a mother of 5 children who stayed in my country and go to school.

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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 an opportunity that Montgomery will offer to his resident to save money

I spent 5 years in an apartment in Silver Spring. Every year my rent increased for \$100, I was able to manage till I lost my job because I cached covid-19. My brother helped me for a few months. Unfortunately he stopped when the landlord added the rent again. I was not able to pay myself and they evicted me.

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,
Evelyne Nangoup Mbungkew

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