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In Support of the HOME Act, Bill 16-23

My family of three have been long time renters in Montgomery County, in the Summit Hills community of Silver Spring. We are not in a financial position as of yet to buy property. We purposefully signed a two-year lease to keep the rent stable over that time. Soon, when it is time to consider renewal, we will be watching what the rent increase might be - in order for us to stay, we hope the rate stays below 3%.

On state and county government salaries, we are not affluent and need minimal rent increases to continue residing in this area. The HOME Act, Bill 16-23, caps rental increases to reasonable levels (up to 3%). We do not want to leave our home. We also do not want to see a displacement of diverse populations that would otherwise have to seriously consider moving out of this area in the county.

Now is the time to focus on real rent stabilization! We want residents of various income levels to be able to live, work, and play here - as the county is in a great central location in the metro area.