

Esteemed Montgomery County Council:

My name is Nivia Diaz. I am an immigrant and I live in Silver Spring for 6 years. I am writing to ask your support of Bill 16-23: Home Opportunity and Mobility and Equity Act. I live by myself; I have health issues and difficulty walking. I had COVID-19 last December and I was unable to work my regular hours. This affected my finances.

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 no 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,

Nivia Diaz