

In support of the Home Act, Bill 16-23.

I am commenting as a resident of Takoma Park.

We moved to Takoma Park specifically for the racial and socioeconomic diversity there, which is unique in the county. That diversity is a direct result of the rent stabilization in place since 1981. In the public school there where I was a PTA President, the population was one quarter white, one quarter Latinx, one quarter multigenerational Black Americans, and one quarter African immigrant. We wanted our children to grow up in this kind of diverse and global community, and that is what we got, thanks to rent stabilization which has provided protection from rampant gentrification and provided stability.

The Home Act provides meaningful protection for the greatest number of county residents, while ensuring that landlords will still be able to profit. Please listen to the renters who testified, who represent a large and relatively powerless percentage of your constituents. Please do not be swayed by the real estate, developer, and adjacent lobbying groups that ultimately are looking to maximize profits.

Thank you.

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