

Dear Montgomery County Council,

Good evening, my name Trey Cunnin, I'm 32 years old, I'm American Citizen living in Montgomery county, I'm unemployed.

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 the Montgomery county law to protect right of tenants.

After I passed my bachelor degree my parents helped me to start living alone to improve my self-management. I've found an apartment and my parent helped me to pay the entire rent. But one year after my rent started to increase every year from 7% to 11% this year. My parent told me they could not be able to continue paying my rent because it's the price is out of their budget. Now I don't know what will be my situation when my parent will stop to pay my rent.

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,

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