The Honorable Council President Evan Glass Montgomery County Council Office Building 100 Maryland Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Rockville, MD 20850

Re: VOTE NO For Property Tax Rate Increase in FY 2024 Operating Budget

Dear Council President Glass,

My name is Emil Nusbaum and I appreciate the opportunity to submit the following comments in opposition to the proposed FY 2024 Operating Budget, which seeks to dramatically increase the property tax rate in Montgomery County by 10 percent. The proposed tax rate increase comes at a time when Montgomery County residents are already struggling under economic pressures from record inflation and the remnants of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, my wife and I are only recently married and are beginning to consider starting a family. However, we are cognizant and concerned with the dramatic increase in cost-of-living expenses over the last three years, which will inevitably impact our ability to start a family. *I urge you to vote against the FY 2024 Operating Budget due to its property tax increase provision and any measure that would further increase the cost of living in Montgomery County*.

Respectfully,

