January 15, 2024

Re: Support for Bill 22-24

Dear President Stewart, Vice President Jawando, and Councilmembers:

My name is Michael Larkin, I live in district 4, and I am writing in support of Bill 22-24 proposed by Councilmember Glass. The members of this Council know the cost of housing is too high, and the high cost of actually building housing makes our county's current housing supply crunch even harder to resolve. Bill 22-24 is a revenue-neutral measure that could help more housing projects become a reality by reducing the overall cost of development.

It is obvious that one policy fix cannot resolve the housing crisis. From adequately funding affordable housing measures to legalizing more housing where it is currently not allowed, Montgomery County must pursue every option that will get control of housing costs. Bill 22-24 fits this approach, and I urge the County Council to enact it. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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