

December 6, 2024

Dear Council President Stewart and Councilmembers:

My name is Carol Jones, and I am a resident of County Council District 4. I have worked with the Montgomery County Food Council for a number of years, currently as a Council Member, and have volunteered at Shepherd's Table, which is near my house in DTSS. I am very concerned with rising levels of food insecurity and homelessness in the county as the pandemic programs have been terminated.

I am writing to urge Montgomery County to allocate \$3.6 million additional dollars in Emergency Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing Programs. This is important to me because housing is the critical foundation for the well-being and dignity of individuals and families.

As one of the wealthiest counties in the country, Montgomery County should be able to provide support for those facing a personal housing crisis.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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