

Dear Mr. Andrew Friedson,

My name is Ndey Mengeh Bah, I've lived at the Astrid Apartments in Bethesda for the past 9 months. I identify as a single mother, an elder and an African. I am a member of Housing Justice Montgomery.

I write to urge Montgomery County to allocate \$3.6 million additional dollars in to the Emergency Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing Programs.

I have been struggling to pay my rent for months now due to lack of employment and I am afraid that I would face eviction very soon as I already got a judgement last Wednesday. I have applied to most of the organizations for rental assistance but they said that they do not have funding available to assist me. I have also applied and still applying for job, including Temp Agencies to secure a job that can at least pay a decent salary to enable me maintain my livelihood here in Montgomery County but I am always getting negative response .At the moment, I am renting a car to do RideSharing with Uber and most of the money I make goes to the rental and I am barely making enough to be able to pay my basic necessities but it seems undoable and this is very frustrating and daunting. This never ending situation has made me very hopeless, depressed, tired and worn out in the struggle to get myself situated.

Respectfully, I ask the council to vote in favor to allocate \$3.6 million dollars to the Emergency Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing Programs; which would help me and my fellow Montgomery County residents; who are facing eviction or has already lost their housing to be able to pay for our rent and get stabilized whilst searching for jobs because having a stable housing can relieve one from mental , emotional and physical stress so that one can focus on getting one or two jobs to at least live a comfortable live.

Thanking you for your unflinching service and consideration to Montgomery County and I am hopeful that you would consider my appeal and work in our favor.

Kind regards,

Ndey M Bah.