

Council Member Friedson;

I am writing to make my strong opposition to the More Housing N.O.W. Bill. This bill is another representation of the fact the county council is completely out of touch with what is desperately needed for the citizens of Montgomery County.

First and foremost, people who have worked very hard to live in a Montgomery County, single family housing neighborhood, should not have their property values and quality of life diminished by low-income housing. Increased density in neighborhoods creates safety problems, will continue to overcrowd schools, roadways, and tax our police force and rescue squads.

Montgomery County is in dire need for tax revenue, from which the majority comes from citizens, while we continue to get less and less from our tax dollars. What the county needs to do is work creatively to attract businesses. Not only will businesses help with revenue creation, but it will also eliminate the need for more affordable housing.

Our taxes are once again going to be increased, and citizens are watching their tax dollars spent on bad decisions. Roads have been diminished with the addition of bike lanes (a huge cost to the county) of which no one utilizes. Schools are getting overcrowded, and crime is high. The county seems to spend endless hours and money on tasks that provide ZERO improvement for the majority of its citizens, who are the tax payors.

Montgomery County is a failing county in Maryland and Maryland is a failing state within the U.S. for not knowing how to generate revenue from sources (businesses) other than its citizens, quality of life, and addressing the needs of the majority.

MORE HOUSING N.O.W. IS NOT THE ANSWER. THIS WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR COUNTY AT THE BOTTOM. WE NEED NEW LEADERSHIP!!

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