

Testimony of Rasheedah Lee

Hi, my name is Rasheedah Lee.

I currently live in a shelter on Crabbs Branch in Derwood, Maryland. I've been in the shelter for about nine months. I am a mother of two adult children. They both attended Montgomery County public schools, graduated, and went on to college. I have lived in this county for over 20 years.

I am also a proud member of Housing Justice Montgomery.

After the loss of my job, I was no longer able to pay my rent. I felt very defeated. I had to leave my apartment and move into a shelter.

If the housing assistance programs in Montgomery County were better funded, I believe I would still be in my apartment today.

That's why I'm here to ask you to fund \$20 million for the Rapid Rehousing program. This is an essential resource to ensure that people in the homeless community have access to safe, stable housing quickly after entering shelter. It's much needed — and deeply appreciated.

Thank you.