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Budget Demands for Emergency Rental Assistance

My name is Pascale Lemaire. I am testifying as the Vice President of the Enclave Tenant Association. I, alongside of my ETA colleagues Tonia M. Chestnut and Sergine Yango, have been fighting tirelessly for over a year and a half for JUSTICE AND PROTECTION for Renters against NEGLIGENT AND LAWLESS LANDLORDS!!!

I live at the Enclave Silver Spring. We are one of Montgomery County's most NOTORIOUS "TROUBLED" properties. Renters absolutely need the EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM so that Landlords can not continue to file "no cause" evictions that circumvent Fair Housing Laws and HIDE DISCRIMINATION and RETALIATION! "

Unfortunately, at my property, I have become an unofficial EVICTION Expert. Our Tenant Association has navigated the slippery slope of helping dozens of families facing eviction every month since September. We have watched many immigrant families sometimes with multiple children put out in the cold during a blustery December snow storm. These evictions are heartbreaking! There is a Housing Crisis in Montgomery County. What we have seen are families who often have jobs, but still can't pay their rent. Once they are evicted, they are in shock, they often have children and they see their life belongings on the street! They rarely have another place to go and are in panic mode.

In our experience, evicted families RARELY are able to collect ALL of their belongings. Almost always the big items like TV's , bedding, and big furniture pieces get left behind. Within hours, poachers are ready to pounce like vultures, taking their belongings. RENTAL ASSISTANCE, MOVING/STORAGE ASSISTANCE AND A 60 DAY PAUSE would be life saving for these families!

WE DEMAND THAT LEGISLATORS PROVIDE \$50 Million FOR MUCH NEEDED EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM!!!! WE DEMAND \$2.4 million FOR MOVING AND STORAGE ASSISTANCE!!!!

Thank you,

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