

To the Members of the County Council,

Our community is already reeling from the turbulence caused by federal policies by this cavalier administration – tariffs and massive work force reductions. People are watching their retirement funds shrink, paying increasingly high grocery bills, dealing with steep and baffling Pepco delivery fees. Some have lost their jobs. Others are facing cuts in their earnings. This is truly not the time to consider such a steep increase to our personal property taxes, one that would place Montgomery County among the highest property tax communities in the nation. A quick peek at the discussions on NextDoor will give you a good sense that this is an incredibly unpopular proposal. A 3.5% increase is ludicrous and will be met with significant backlash.

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