

Dear Montgomery County Council Members,

As a senior citizen and longtime resident of Montgomery County, I am writing to oppose any new property tax increases to support the 2026 budget. Instead, I propose a more targeted and equitable approach: if there is a need to raise additional funds for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), consider implementing taxes that directly apply to households with school-aged children who utilize these services.

Seniors and other property owners without children in the school system should not bear an equal burden for funding resources they do not directly benefit from. This approach would ensure that those who directly use MCPS services contribute more proportionally to the funding requirements, alleviating unnecessary financial strain on residents like myself who live on fixed incomes and already face challenges in meeting daily expenses.

Additionally, I urge the Council to explore ways to streamline the County's budget, eliminate inefficiencies, and prioritize essential expenditures. Fiscal responsibility is key to ensuring fairness and reducing reliance on broad-based tax increases.

Thank you for considering this alternative perspective. I trust you will prioritize fairness and efficiency when making budgetary decisions that impact our community.

Sincerely,
Christopher Frye