

My name is Jeremiah Langley. I live in Silver Spring, and I've been a resident of Montgomery County for the past 17 years. I identify as a student and the son of an immigrant. I am a member of the GND MOCO Internship.

I am here today to urge the Montgomery County Council to **allocate \$50 million in eviction prevention rental assistance so that all households that applied for help receive an average grant of \$10,581**. I also ask the Council to **expand rapid rehousing assistance by funding \$9,475,427** to provide families who were evicted with at least six months of storage to help them recover.

My family has experienced the effects of eviction first hand. My mother, as a single mom, worked all she could to provide for us and our family. However the threat of eviction always loomed over her, from her having to go friend to friend asking to stay with friends when I was born due to her not being able to find affordable housing to the threat of eviction being present due to rent increases the burden of eviction for a long time was a very real and scary reality for my family.

If she had access to emergency rental assistance, she could have stayed at home, spent more time with her son, and focused on securing stable employment instead of living in constant fear. Every family in Montgomery County deserves a safe and stable place to live.

**Respectfully and urgently, I ask the Council to vote in favor of allocating \$50 million for rental assistance and \$9,475,427 for rapid rehousing. Thank you.**