

**The current \$7.7 budget proposal is outrageous and should be scaled back.**

Times are tough for everyone. Unfortunately, unlike the Government, families can only spend the amount of money they take in each week. The only option for bringing in additional money is by bringing in additional revenue. For many families this means getting 2 or 3 jobs. Families can't rely on our neighbors to continually come to our aid with additional money. Government, at all levels, should not expect to spend more than they take in, and should not keep going to the taxpayers for additional resources every time they overspend. In the case of the Montgomery County budget, the Council and County Executive MUST find ways to cut back on spending to an amount equal to or less than what it projects the County will receive in the new Fiscal Year. We have already heard that the State of Maryland plans to increase taxes, with the additional increases from Montgomery County you will be taxing families and the elderly right into the poor house.

**Stop the overspending, live within a reasonable budget and loose the "tax and spend" philosophy that has been part of Montgomery County Council for years.**

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