

Bill 35-25

I strongly oppose this bill because I already pay way more county taxes than what I receive in services. I understand there is a need to help people but by what has been shown in Minnesota, Ohio, Maine and elsewhere there is a tremendous amount of fraud in social services. Perhaps even evidenced in the State of Maryland as exposed by whistle blowers and news outlets for example in the SNAP programs and the lack of oversight of a number of questionable social programs in Baltimore. Is exposure in Montgomery County next? There has not been openness about how Bill 35-25 costs will permanently burden Montgomery County taxpayers which raises concerns that information has not been shared because it will perhaps somehow benefit the legislators themselves.

Montgomery County has become very diverse and I believe it is because of the attractiveness of its social programs. Immigration in itself is not bad, however, the economic burden it can place on resident citizens is a serious matter for Montgomery County. If my taxes continue to rise, I am seriously considering moving to another state as many others have for this reason alone. If others like me follow, Montgomery County will eventually be left with those who do not pay taxes at all. Good luck with that. Please share the economic impacts of this bill or consider it not feasible in this economic climate. Thank you.

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