

March 24, 2026

Dear Montgomery County Councilmembers,

I write **in full support of Bill 13-26**, the ICE Out Act, prohibiting privately owned ICE detention facilities from opening in Montgomery County.

This legislation would be a *proactive* action by one of the most diverse and progressive counties in the United States. Rather than being forced to react when (not if) we are threatened with an ICE detention facility, we will have the law on our side to say, NO!

I've lived in Montgomery County for 28 years. It's the best place I've ever lived for many reasons, but none more important than our communities that respect and protect our neighbors.

There has never been a time when so many have felt so traumatized by our federal government. Let's continue to be a model county for progressive and compassionate action.

Thank you,

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