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My name is David Haigler. I'm a new resident to Montgomery County, less than a year, 10 months. I reside in Silver Spring.

I'm in favor of rent control. I believe the landlords should be entitled to a fair rate. But right now, rent goes up four times faster than my pay raises. I'm starting to fall behind on my rent because I moved from DC to Montgomery County and my rent went up \$500, not including gas and electric. I do have to have cable for my work, so I'm managing that bill as well.

It's hard for a single individual to pay all his bills and rent. Rent is supposed to be 60 percent of your income. Right now rent is at least 80 percent of my income. It's not fair that I won't be able to justify the means, because I'm not getting a pay raise. I only have one income so far. I want to have more, but I'm tied down to only one income. Most people can't even have two incomes to survive. I'm going to get another income soon, but at the same time the rent will always continue increasing.