

Ruth Escobar

My name is Ruth Escobar, and I live in Montgomery County at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. I am an elderly person and still work a full-time job as rent does not wait for anyone. A few months ago, our landlord illegally tried to raise our rent during the protection of the rent stabilization. Thanks to CASA, we were able to report their illegal activity and won a zero percent increase. However, the time is approaching for our lease renewal, and I am afraid our landlord will unjustly raise our rent out of retaliation. Therefore, I am asking the council to re-extend the rent stabilization in hopes that the City of Gaithersburg will follow suit. At one point, does rent cost become too much? Montgomery County needs to lead the way in keeping housing affordable.