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My husband and I have lived in Howard County for the last 42 years, 35 of which have been in our current home. We owned our previous Howard County home prior to moving to this home for 3 years. We are both 67 years old, and I am still working.

I've worked for the HCPSS for the past 31 years. I love this county, love my home, and would love to stay in our home as long as possible.

We've been actively looking at moving out of Howard County and Maryland due to the tax situation. Between property taxes, and income taxes on our social security and pensions, it makes it very difficult to be able to live comfortably here. I'm not talking extravagantly...just comfortably.

In reviewing the council bill it looks like we won't be able to reap the benefit of this bill till the year 2023, even though we've lived in the county, in homes we owned, not rented, for 39 years.

I think if you could include residing in **any** homes purchased in the county, in the bill, that would greatly favorably impact at least our decision to stay here vs moving to Delaware. I'm sure there are other people in the same situation as we are.

Thank you for your time in reading this testimony.

Sincerely,
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