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Matthew L. Ossenfort  
County Executive

## LINE ITEM VETO MESSAGE FOR RESOLUTION 189 OF 2020

TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

As authorized by §7.03 (B) (7) of the Montgomery County Charter I am exercising my authority to line item veto the amendment to the 2021 Operating Budget to reduce A-18-4-6010-00-.1110 from \$4,419,625 to \$4,319,625.

Line item A-18-4-6010-00-.1110 is a tally of the salaries of a number of positions in the Department of Social Services. By reducing the overall tally without also reducing corresponding positions, this budget amendment has created an unbalanced budget.

I understand and sympathize with the Montgomery County Legislature's intent and reasoning behind the amendment. I urge and support the Montgomery County Legislature to undergo a review of positions in conjunction with myself and the Department of Social Services to determine if any positions may be cut without creating a detriment to the Department or to the taxpayers of Montgomery County due to a loss in services.

Sincerely,

Matthew L. Ossenfort  
Montgomery County Executive

