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To whom it may concern:

I'm writing this letter as the tenet in [REDACTED] in regards to the application for permits to split the existing 15 units into 2 apts each. I do not know exact details of the new owners plan as I have had no communication with him other than his lawyer contacting us initially to inform us that he was going to serve us with N13's, from what I understand he is hoping to reno my unit and convert the basement into a separate apartment. I have heard that he claims the basement space is unused by us other than storage and he wants to provide more affordable living space in the city. I have lived here for roughly 12 years and have used the basement space the entire time. It is extra living space there is a rec room down there and I have a large family so that's always being used. I have a small workshop down there I use for my business as a Carpenter and Construction Contractor. My office space I use for my business is also down there. My laundry room is down there along with my deep freezer and extra pantry space. Finally the space is also utilized as studio space for music and art by us as well. As you can see this space is a part of my home and would be a great loss to my family. Personally I don't believe the new owner has any intention of carrying out the amount of work he is proposing. I do this type of work for a living and if it is done right it would be very expensive and would be a long time before he got a return on that investment even with current rental rates. I think his main agenda is to get us out and keep us out as we are paying below the current market rents and we have rent control to keep increases minimal. I would like to point out that what i pay currently wouldn't even get me a 1 bedroom apt anywhere and no amount of compensation can alleviate that i don't have the means to pay double or better for rent let alone to move out and then back in when renos are done, and i believe he knows this and is banking on the fact if we leave we won't be able to move back. Regardless of his true intentions, This is my home, my kids' school is practically next door, and their grandparents live across the street. I had no plans to leave this place and I hope to never have to. I truly hope that greed and the pursuit of maxim profit don't weigh the need for affordable homes and the community around it. More than anything, me and every other renter in the city just want the peace of mind knowing that you can't be thrown out on the street at any time and we can feel at home in our homes.

Sincerely, P. Morris