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My name Dawn Hoad. I am a tenant at 285 Melvin Ave in East Hamilton. I have lived there for 8 years.

I am submitting this written delegation to share my concerns with the housing crisis in Hamilton and urgent need for municipal protections for tenants and Hamilton's market affordable housing.

Last spring new owners of the building Family Properties offered me \$2,000 to move out of my unit. My rent is \$700.25 and my income on ODSP is \$1411 a month. This means over half of my income is going towards rent. I said no to the buyout.

In November of 2020, the landlord gave tenants of 285 Melvin Ave a N13 eviction notice claiming major renovations in the building that require tenants to move out by March 31 2021.

We are in the middle of a public health crisis and housing crisis. Where are low income tenants supposed to go.

The landlord of 285 Melvin Ave has neglected on repairs and pest treatment since taking over and with already offering us money to move out, it is clear their motivation is to push out long term tenants to charge higher rent.

I've applied to Indwell but they said 1,500 applications are ahead of me.

I am joining ACORN's call for the City of Hamilton to bring forward local legislation to protect tenants from renoviction. We need the 2021 and future budgets to put low income tenants first, ahead of the profit of developers.

Thank you.