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Hello, my name is Kristain Jewers

I am a member of Acorn, and have been speaking alongside them for a few years now, as well as receiving help from them since 2021.

My building has been fighting renovictions since 2021 as well.

We started out with 13 units fully in support of fighting the eviction, after the first round we were left with 8 units remaining, Those who accepted the buy out the first round, didn't receive their money. The landlord didn't follow through with the first round of evictions, and worked on renovating the units that were empty, yet claimed he needed the building vacant in order to do these renovations, we were very accommodating to the workers that were doing the renovations, as we wanted to show, that we were supportive in the landlords endeavors, but also wanted to stay. We did things like fix things the worker broke, cleaned up after them, put up with them banging, and drilling for 12+ straight hours, because we couldn't afford to leave.

In the 2 years following the first round of renovictions, we dealt with a lot of tactics from the landlord in order to try and get us out of the building, things such as them not turning on the heat, a broken washer and dryer, workers drilling holes into occupied units, the Landlord himself frequently Knocking on our doors trying to convince us to leave, harassment, threats of physical harm to the elderly tenants, frequent unit inspections, entering our units without permission, or 24 hours notice, Defamation of character, amongst many forms of communication urging us to leave.

I myself was accused of breaking into the washer and dryer and stealing the change, I am manager of a large retail store, I handle the money, and do bank deposits, If the landlord succeeds in charging me for false accusations I could lose my job, my lively hood.

My neighbors and I cannot afford to move, due to the rental market prices increasing beyond our means, we are all on OPP, ODSP, and I'm a low income worker due to a work place accident. If our landlord succeeds in evicting us, he will be contributing to our already strained homelessness crisis, because we cannot afford today's market prices. A 1 bedroom apartment in Hamilton is \$1600 for a small apartment, a room is over \$1000, on OPP the average monthly income is around \$1000, same with ODSP, Im lucky if I make \$2000 a month while working over 50+ hours a week.

We the Tenants Urge you the councilors to do something to help prevent landlords from succeeding in evicting low income, long standing tenants. We just want to live, have a roof over our heads; we need strong rules and regulations to show the landlords that eviction of tenants under the guise of "necessary renovations" is needless, and only contributing to an already strained system.

Please support the renovation license and relocation bylaw, it's a large step forward in helping prevent people from having to go through what we have. We need a local policy to protect tenants. Thank you for your time, and reading my delegation, I hope you fine folk do whats right to help us.

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