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As senior on a fixed Social Security income and disabled, I am flabbergasted by the 14% potential rent increase.

Besides critical illness, nothing is more terrifying than living in fear of losing housing due to outrageous rent increases. We work our entire lives, raise our families and contribute to our communities and when finally age and disability forces us to retire, instead of living humbly with optimism, our lives are shrouded in dread!

Not only do we dread the loss of housing to our peers, but to those young individuals just starting out. What has happened to being valued?

Domestic and foreign investors with no stake in healthy communities, only their stockholders, cannot be allowed to condemn us to the stress and anxiety of watching homelessness spread like a plague.

You are our representatives. You are tasked with all of our well being, not just the wealthiest few. I plead with you, lower the rent increase rates.

Be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

Emphatically,

Kerry Bassett