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Subject: CDA Communication

Hello. My name is Shayla Shears. I am a member of the Tenant Advocacy Group. I have been on the CDA waiting list for three years and my girls and I have experienced homelessness as recent as three years ago. I have a few comments that I wanted mention to you about the new CDA policies.

First I would like to say that I totally agree with the reason for the changes that are up for debate. I think that a lot of people try to take advantage of the systems that are designed to help people who are in need. I think that by changing some of the rules that you would filter out some of the people looking to "get over on the system".

However, one thing that I do not agree with is going as far as making the rules so hard and complicated that the people who really need help are not getting it. I hope that the CDA is designed to help prevent homelessness. But with some of the new policies, it looks like there are going to be more homeless than ever. I recommend that you listen and take into consideration some of the stories that you hear, and consider the fact that people still need help.

If you have any questions for me, or would like me to share my story with you, please feel free to give me a call at the contact information below.

Thank you for your time.

Shayla Shears

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