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Hello,

My name is [REDACTED], and I am an undergraduate student at UofM currently renting an apartment near central campus. I have had a few concerns about how the behavior of neighboring students can affect my home life, and my landlord suggested I share my thoughts with the Renters Commission. The issues I am experiencing do not have a single simple fix, as they seem to be prevalent and caused by the student culture of UofM.

To preface: I have no issue with students hosting parties and playing music, though I do not partake, nor do any of my co-tenants (at least on the apartment's property). However, I share an alley with many other apartments and some fraternities, and so I am affected by the parties nonetheless. The behavior of these people is often reckless and causes me significant distress, as my partner's car and both of our bikes (my main mode of transportation) are along this alley. Just today before the game, I have been greeted to hours of music blasting from two different parties, multiple intoxicated people urinating and vomiting around my apartment, and excessive amounts of litter left in their wake. Broken glass, crushed cans, and tarps seem to fill the alley, and is not cleaned in a timely manner, if it all. I have seen intoxicated people, wandering about with open containers of alcohol, even going so far as to vandalize and damage apartment property, and strangely even stealing one of our two recycling bins. I fear that contacting the authorities or attempting confrontation would paint a target on my back, and so I avoid it when possible.

I suppose my point is that the student culture surrounding parties is harmful, disruptive, and ruins the peace. My sound sensitivity makes things more complicated, and I often will need to wear noise-cancelling headphones just to make it through tasks. Though I love my apartment and am grateful for the space and amenities, the neighbors would be my number one reason for leaving, if and when that occurs.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,  
[REDACTED]