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Hello,

I rented in Ann Arbor between 2008-2023.

I support the city's CLUP because it will allow the supply of housing to increase, bringing down rents in the city, as has happened recently in [Austin Texas](#).

I know that some people are skeptical that new housing will bring down rents in other buildings, but please consider the following:

Every summer when many students leave, rents go down temporarily. Why? Because there are fewer people competing for the same number of spaces so landlords have to lower their rents.

Now consider what would happen if the same students went into new apartment buildings instead of leaving Ann Arbor. The same effect would happen, but it would persist year round.

I know there are convoluted explanations trying to deny supply and demand, but they are contradicted both by studies and the immediate practical evidence in front of us all. More housing is going to benefit renters, even if that new housing is not itself affordable, because it brings people out of competition for existing housing. Please support the CLUP as the first step to allowing the supply of housing to increase and rents to fall.

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