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Hi,

I work at a UM research center and I've been renting in Ann Arbor for around 7 years.

The housing situation is dire and has gotten noticeably worse every year I've been here. Conditions have become, no exaggeration, comparable to what I experienced living in a developing country. Landlords operate slums with no regard for basic housing or health codes, the cost-to-quality ratio is absurd, and there are so few units to fight over that renters have forced lease gaps every summer when they move (even when you're not a student). Almost every renter I've known has already left because of these issues, and honestly I'll probably be next. I can't imagine being able to find housing here again next year after barely scraping by this year.

We very urgently need **way more housing** to meet demand. For this reason, please **don't add height limits** and **don't divide the residential category**. There's no need for it. Splitting residential and adding height limits in such a large portion of the city will severely limit construction of new housing. It would reinstate the very policies that created this housing crisis in the first place.

Our city is stunted -- please keep residential zoning unrestricted and open to growth.

Thank you very much for reading and for your continued efforts.

Ina