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**To:** Ann Arbor Renter's Commission <RentersCommission@a2gov.org>

**Subject:** Early Leasing Ordinance timeline

Good morning! My name is [REDACTED] and I'm a proud UM alum (AB '99, MPP '00) now living in Lansing, and also mother to a rising sophomore at UM. I had a chance to see my friend Travis Radina last week and shared our experience so far with the early leasing ordinance, which he encouraged me to share with all of you.

Certainly, I understand the goals of the ordinance - everyone I've discussed it with seems to remember how early housing decisions had to be made when we were students, often before students really had any idea what they wanted to do for the following year. That said, mid March feels very late in our experience. Our daughter tried reaching out to landlords through the housing website earlier in the winter semester, but was not getting responses before mid March rolled around. At that point, she and her roommate started hearing back, but trying to find something with a decent price, in a decent location, on top of all the work to wrap up their freshman year meant that they were unable to nail down a housing decision before the semester ended. Now they are home for the summer and still need to deal with this. Fortunately, Lansing is only an hour away if they need to go back, but that's still inconvenient and time consuming - and much worse for students more than an hour away.

I hope you will consider perhaps keeping the ordinance, but moving the timeline up earlier - maybe mid January? - so that there is more time for students, especially first year students, to navigate the housing decision before they need to leave Ann Arbor for the summer.

Thank you for your service on the renters commission!

Sincerely,

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