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Hello,

I am unable to attend your event this Saturday however, I would like to share a couple of issues we have experienced while my daughter rents in A2.

The conditions of the properties are not maintained well in most rental properties from what we have seen. The current apartment has
Layers of peeling paint, Leaking/back up plumbing, Broken locks, mailboxes, window screens, No locks on garden level dwellings,
No working exterior lighting, Evidence of water damage/soft tiled walls in bathroom crumbling. Some small issues corrected after repeated contact to the rental company. The bigger issue is the cost of rent. My daughter has to live in these unhealthy/unsafe conditions because it is what you get for \$725 a person a month in A2. Her last rental was better but at the cost of \$1200 per person. The cost was not manageable and another apartment search began.
I just don't see how this is expected of college students, especially when some like ours don't have the financial ability to help.
She is a full time student and works almost 30 hours a week at a bar to barely manage the rent and basic expenses.
I feel these rental companies and landlords make more than enough money from renters to manage the appropriate upkeep on their properties. Please advocate for better living conditions in these properties and a cap on rental rates.

Thank you,
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