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Good afternoon:

I am writing to ask that you vote no on any further weakening of the rent stabilization ordinance. This important protection for renters has already been defanged so much. We voted for protections, and the city keeps stripping them away.

The logic of trickle-down economics does not magically work for housing. New expensive builds not only don't bring down rents, their construction contributes hugely to climate change. The building on the Wilder site (thanks, Mayor Carter) sits half empty. The argument that landlords will decrease rents when buildings are not filled is belied by the number of "luxury" complexes which stand all or partially empty because people can't afford the rents.

I urge you to put the interests of the people who live in our neighborhood above the interest of developers. The market doesn't fix housing instability. Developers are concerned with turning a profit, not housing more people or keeping people from being priced out of their housing. Carving out more and more exemptions from a very reasonable cap on rent increase hurts renters and hurts our neighborhood. It increases transience and weakens community ties and stability.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Elana Dahlager, Esq.