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Hello,

I was disheartened to hear the scathing and inaccurate review of the Dabblers Depot. They have been lovely and responsive neighbors. My husband and I have lived next door to them in the Berkeley Rental property at 1511 7th Street West for 3 years. Our parking spots are the two closest to the Dabblers. They let me take extra space to have room for our son's car seat and let our friends and family park there when they visit. The comment about trucks blocking tenants is exaggerated. I have the spot that is the closest to the loading door. There have only been two occasions where I couldn't leave my spot and both times the Dabblers staff immediately moved the truck so I could leave. There have been multiple occasions where my husband and I couldn't park because Dominic Eisenzimmer was parked in our spots or he let vendors park in our spots.

It's been difficult to work with Dominic in the time we have lived at 1511 7th Street West. We had been looking forward to knowing our landlord and not living in a corporate owned apartment. We wanted to be part of a community and support someone local. Dominic does not act like a community member. When we first moved in we offered assistance and made a point to connect but it was not always reciprocated. There have been times he's gone above and beyond. Dominic filled my tires when they were flat and he knew I was home alone with our new baby. He also takes great care of our building and makes it a wonderful setting to live.

We are not always treated with respect and kindness by Dominic, though. When I ask questions it's met with long lectures about the subject rather than answers. I asked what paperwork we needed to fill out to get a cat and received a 45 minute lecture on poor care of cats. Another time, when I forgot to put in my rent check, instead of checking in he repeatedly sent threatening emails and notes. Even the corporate apartments we lived in previously would call and check in with us when mistakes like this happened. The worst example was when Dominic slid a handwritten note threatening to charge us tens of thousands in fines because I forgot to send the rent check. There was no warnings. No previous attempt to reach out. Just a drastic threat directed at me when he knew I was home alone. I had to

specifically request for him to reach out and ask him speak to me in a professional manner as the relationship of tenant and landlord should be. On another occasion, my husband was moving an old couch out of our unit. It was a large couch and challenging to get through the doors. Dominic had seen the struggle on the cameras he has all over the place. He interrupted what my husband was doing to call him and tell him to change the way he was moving the couch. He didn't offer any actually assistance when he saw the struggle.

One of the first negative interactions we ever had was in the parking lot. I had a friend who had too much to drink to drive home so she stayed on my couch. She was parked in the Dabblers lot and was leaving early in the morning so we weren't worried about it. It snowed a lot that night and he told the Dabblers staff that my friend shouldn't have parked there and to plow her in. He knew it was my friend because of the cameras and didn't reach out until after she was plowed in. I apologized to the Dabblers staff the next day and brought them Christmas cookies. That's how I found out he asked them to plow her in and they didn't even mind that she was parked there.

If Dominic Eisenzimmer wants a change in the neighborhood he could start by being more neighborly in more occasions. The Dabblers Depot has consistently been a good neighbor in our community. They host community events to gather us together. They have just all around been more than just a liquor store but great friends to all.

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