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Dear City Coucil Members:

I would like to bring to your attention the predicament of a neighbor who is a widow whom I have seen working on her property but I suspect that since she is an older woman, she will not be able to keep doing her own work.

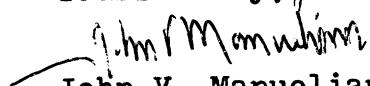
The rent control law was passed to try to keep the rents at a fair level since there was and is a shortage of apartments and I believe, the law is necessary. However, you may wish to help people like this who cannot upgrade the rents and are probably afraid to deal with city officials (my mother was such a person).

I became apprised of this woman's plight when my son mentioned that because of a good high reassessment, she tried to sell her property but could not. Thus, the assessment was not true market value. I was going to help my son buy it so got the facts.

Attached please find a list of her rents. Note that the apartments have 5 rooms, yet the rents are under \$200 per month and there is even one at \$89.00 per month rent. I am certain you had no intention of hurting this type of owner. (One tenant laughed and said that he paid such a low rent, he would stay there for life.)

Should there not be some type of help especially when the assessment is based upon comparables, thus can rise considerably.

Yours truly,


John V. Manuelian

Note: I would appreciate a response

CAMBRIDGE RENT CONTROL BOARD
PROPERTY RECORD SUMMARY
...as of 07-Mar-85...

6 Units

02139

PROP NO: 13027

24-26

TUFTS ST

OWNR/MGR: ANTHONY BOSCO

RA:

SER NO	HOUSE NO	UNIT ID	...S E R V I C E S ...					RA RENT	TEMP RENT	MAX RENT	APP ADDL	
			RMS	H CKG T GAS	ELC	HOT FURN WTR	GAB2 PKG RENT				MO	CHRG FURN PKG
1	24	1	5				0	0	0	131	0	0
2	24 1/2	2	5				0	0	0	138	0	0
3	24 1/2	3	5				0	0	0	89	0	0
4	26	1	5				0	0	0	187	0	0
5	26	2	5				0	0	0	125	0	0
6	26	3	5				0	0	0	136	0	0



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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TEL 498-9077

RENT CONTROL BOARD

ROGER MERVIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 7, 1985

Occupants
24 Tufts Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

In Re: 24-26 Tufts Street
Legal Maximum Rents

Dear Occupants:

The legal maximum rents at 24-24½-26 Tufts Street do not include heat as a service. The 1977 rent control records indicated heat was a service included in the rents, but this was clearly a mistake. The mistake was corrected on the August 1979 records, and is corrected in current records.

Current records are attached.

Thank you for your attention.

Very Sincerely,

Bruce T. Eisenhut
Deputy Counsel

BTE/cw

*Imagine, it was
Filed as heated
Apts. 1, despite the
\$89 per mo rent
and \$131 etc rents*

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Comm. from John V. Manuelian, 18 Tufts St.,
expressing concern for an elderly neighbor
who owns property under rent control & the
impact of the rents charged for each of her
apartments, all of which are under \$200.

5/20/85 - REFERRED TO THE CITY MANAGER

In City Council,

May 20, 1985

*copy sent to the City Manager 5/22/85
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