

Jarbb Realty Trust

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AUGUST 21, 1985

TO THE CAMBRIDGE RENT CONTROL BOARD:

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING MY BUILDING AT 71-73 MARTIN ST.
A BUILDING THAT PEOPLE "BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL" CAN AFFORD!???
\$305. and \$299. for A ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT IN AN ALL BRICK BUILDING,
HEATED WITH JANITOR SERVICE AND INTERCOM, IN AN IMMACULATE CONDITION
(AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN) AND TO TOP THAT OFF, BARELY MORE THAN ONE BLOCK
OUT OF HARVARD SQUARE AND THE NEXT STREET TO RADCLIFFE. (\$42., \$48. & \$52. DECREASES)
NOW, ONE WOULD ASSUME THAT IF ONE INVESTED THEIR LIFE SAVINGS IN A
BUILDING SUCH AS THIS, (IN THE HOPES THAT ONE MIGHT HAVE SOME SECURITY
IN THEIR OLD AGE), THAT WOULD BE A WISE DECISION? WRONG!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
YOU HAVE SET THIS BUILDING UP SO THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO COVER EVEN
THE 6% MANAGEMENT FEE (SUPPOSEDLY ALLOWED), NOT TO MENTION A "DUMB"
THING LIKE A "PROFIT". "PROFIT" IS THAT WHICH ONE IS ALLOWED TO MAKE
IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY ON A HONEST INVESTMENT. IN A COMMUNISTIC
SOCIETY OR A SOCIALISTIC STATE THIS IDEA OF "PROFIT" IS ABHORANT. IS
THAT WHAT CAMBRIDGE HAS TURNED INTO? HOW DOES THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED STATES APPLY TO MY RIGHTS AS AN INDIVIDUAL IN A FREE ENTERPRISE
SITUATION LIKE THIS?

I HAVE LOOKED INTO APPLYING FOR A RENT INCREASE. AS A DETERENT, YOU
HAVE DECREED THAT THE LANDLORD PAY BACK THE DECREASE IN TAXES TO THE
TENANTS, PLUS A FILING FEE TO THE BOARD, AND THEN TAKE THEIR CHANCES. .
OVER \$5,000. LATER ON A BASE YEAR FORMULA (1969) THAT IS
SIMPLY RIDICULOUS CONSIDERING TODAY'S INFLATION. . . WORKMAN'S FEE,
ELECTRIC, WATER, GAS, SUPPLIES, ETC. (INCREASES IN EVERYTHING ACROSS
THE BOARD!) ARE YOU GETTING THE SAME PAY YOU WERE THEN? IS ANYBODY?
I KNOW IT IS STUPID TO WRITE A LETTER ON DEAF AND DUMB EARS BUT. . .
I FIND THIS SITUATION SO INCREDIBLE, I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO TURN. I
JUST HAD TO VENT MY FRUSTRATION. MAYBE YOU HAVE SOME REASONABLE
EXPLANATION AS TO HOW AND WHY THIS CAN HAPPEN IN THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA. MY HUSBAND ESCAPED FROM LITHUANIA IN THE LIGHT OF SUCH
OPPRESSION. TO COME TO THIS? THE SENSE ELUDES ME.

Betty Savenor

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Communication received from Betty Savenor, in
opposition to the Rent Control Board procedures.

Copy sent to Roger Mervis
+ the City Manager 9/12/85 mh

In City Council,

September 9, 1985

9/9/85

Deferred to
Mayor and REB;
Also Mr Mervis to
meet with the
Petitioners