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Landlords, thank you for helping us for so long. Thank you for helping Cambridge become the diverse city that it is by providing more than affordable housing for those that needed it. I commend you on your personal struggles through all of this and what many of you have given up for the city.

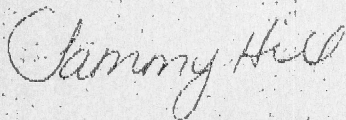
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Respectfully,



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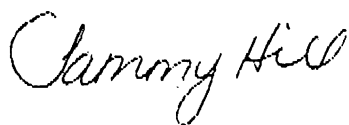
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In City Council,

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