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Mr. Joseph E. Connarton
Office of the City Clerk
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Connarton:

Thank you for your letter expressing your opposition to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD), proposed lease and grievance regulations for public housing. It was good to hear from you. Please excuse the delay in responding to your letter.

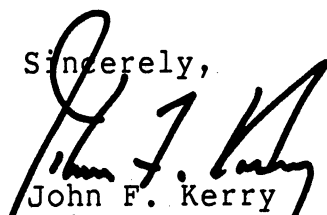
As you may know, on Wednesday, January 25, 1989, a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction blocking HUD from implementing the proposed regulations. HUD must now, notify all public housing authorities that they should use the existing regulations governing lease and grievance procedures for tenants. For the time being, this effectively preserves tenants rights as they currently exist.

As you know, the proposed regulations would strip tenants of the automatic right to an administrative hearing before being evicted. Under the new rules, complaints about inadequate heat, hot water, and security would not be guaranteed a hearing under grievance procedures. This is clearly not acceptable, and I am very pleased that the judge issued a preliminary injunction blocking these regulations from being implemented.

Although it is still uncertain what course of action HUD will pursue in response to the January 25, 1989 order, I will certainly continue to follow this issue closely.

Thanks again for writing. I hope that you will continue to keep in touch on this and other issues of interest and importance to you.

Sincerely,


John F. Kerry
United States Senator

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Comm. from Senator John F. Kerry, Re: Dept.
of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) proposed
lease & grievance regulations for public
housing.

In City Council,

May 22, 1989

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