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You can imagine how surprised I was at the outcome, which, in my opinion, was very unfair, as not only was I hurt financially, but my tenants as well were very upset and concerned about my losing the home, thereby exposing them to possible eviction.

I wasn't about to take this lying down, so I went into the Rent Control Office again without results. Meanwhile, I was out \$70.00 from the rent adjustment adding to my burden of expenses. This upset me to the point where I went into the Rent Control Office again, completely out of control, hollering and demanding that my rights be satisfied, less I would call the newspapers and expose their tactics to the public. It was then, and only then, that they pacified me and agreed to hear my plea!

After explaining my circumstances and complying with their requests, they immediately saw that this action on their behalf was unjustified, and effective Feb. 1st, the tenants have been notified of a rent increase which was not of my doing. I was perfectly satisfied with the rents as was, and this has caused ill-feelings between myself and my tenants.

Meanwhile, I am suffering a loss for an error made by the Rent Control Board, and I demand to be compensated. I cannot afford to forfeit one dime due to my present hardship.

On December 5th, I was told that within ten days I would be given a hearing in this matter, and since I have not heard one word from them, my only alternative was to bring this matter before the Board of Councillors in order that this may avoid any further misunderstanding. Obviously, they are not interested, as I have carried my expenses back and forth without results.

All conscientious Landlords know the heartaches and headaches that come with owning property and when they are trying to keep up their properties, keep their tenants happy and maintain a fair level of rent, it is indeed upsetting to have a Board such as this, come in and ~~literally~~ ^{totally} take over! Goodness knows there are many properties which are run-down and in bad need of repairs, for which ^{high} rents are demanded, it seems to me that some sort of control should be instituted against this type of operation, and not my type of landlord.

I feel that Rent Control can get completely out of hand, and I'm afraid if this continues to exist, Landlords will be forced to sell their homes, causing a loss to the tenants and their families, as well as the landlord.

I feel that a one-day notice to the tenants to decrease their rent payment, now warrants a one-day notice to increase the rent to the usual amount, thereby not causing me to suffer any loss whatsoever. It was, in fact, their mistake and the Rent Control should notify them of this error and advise them to submit the difference.

The purpose of Rent Control was to help Cambridge residents from being forced out of the City because of high and uncontrolled rents, but instead the Control is forcing landlords to sell property and still tenants are being forced to move out of the City.

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In City Council January 8 1923

		YEA	NAY	ABSENT	
	Mr. Clinton	✓			
	Mr. Danehy	✓			
	Mr. Duehay	✓			
	Mrs. Graham		✓		
	Mr. Moncreiff		✓		
	Mr. Owens	✓			
	Mr. Sullivan	✓			
	Mr. Vellucci	✓			
	Mayor Ackermann		✓		
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City of Cambridge

Councillor Sullivan

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 8, 1973

ORDERED:-

That the Chairman of the Special Sub-Committee of this City Council on Rent Control be and hereby is requested to call a special meeting to hear from the property owners regarding their grievances with the operation and procedures of the Rent Control Board.

G.M.A.
In City Council Jan. 8, 1973

Adopted by yeas and nays Vote

Yeas 6 Nays 3 Absent 9

Paul E. Leahy
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Special Sub-Committee on Rent Control
is requested to call a special meeting.

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