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Hello all,

The time is always right to do what is right. I am writing to you today, in solidarity with all other tenants in Kansas City, to demand quick passage of Ordinance 211067. When I went door to door earlier this year, asking people to join us at KC Tenants to fight unfair evictions, the number one response I got (from those in “nicer” neighborhoods, at least) was “why not challenge those evictions in court?”.

I’m sure I don’t have to explain this “why” to you all, so I won’t waste your time by doing so; you are all aware that court is expensive, just as I’m sure you’re aware that the folks getting evicted in this city aren’t exactly high earners.

The RTC ordinance would simply shift the current balance of power that heavily favors wealthy landlords and developers, and nudge things just slightly in the direction of the ordinary KC tenants who cook, clean, repair, move, ship, drive, teach - these are the very people we depend on for our city to function. Don’t they deserve just a little bit of help?

If doing the right thing for it’s own sake isn’t motivation enough, fine - I understand that often government runs more like a business than it does a public service. I’ll share one

more thing with you, from KCT's RTC fact sheet: "Los Angeles saved \$3.50 for every \$1 invested in tenant representation. It is over three times more cost effective to prevent homelessness rather than to react to it."

Are you really going to ignore KCT's dedicated work and listen to the landlords and developers who want to claw back every gain the working class makes? Are you all so committed to business as usual, so committed to this housing crisis that you're not willing to save KC taxpayers money while also helping all of KC's residents stay safe and housed?

I'm sorry to say that my cynicism towards politics already tells me what the answer to my last question might be. I dare you to prove me wrong, and accordingly I look forward to the swift passage of this desperately needed ordinance.

Sincerely,
Spencer Thut