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**Subject: Comrades! Please pass a strong Good Cause Eviction policy to keep Hudson Tenants in our homes**

**Council President Thomas DePietro,**

**Dear Esteemed Members of the Common Council of Hudson,**

**I write to you as an engaged, deeply intersectional, and conscientiously anti-oppressive global citizen (albeit, yes, an occasional resident when couch surfing —but borders and jurisdictions are colonial constructs, aren't they?). I saw on TikTok from For The Many & Claire Cousin that you are considering the "Good Cause Eviction" legislation, and I felt it imperative to offer my full-throated support for this vital initiative, which centers the lived experiences of marginalized renters and challenges the pervasive structures of white supremacist-capitalist-patriarchy embedded in housing markets.**

**First and foremost, I need to acknowledge the profound importance of dismantling the myth of private property. The idea that land can be "owned" is rooted in deeply oppressive colonial narratives. As a committed Marxist (and I really must stress that anyone still clinging to the concept of landlordism is participating in the perpetuation of exploitative class hierarchies), I reject the entire framework of private property rights. Land, housing, and space should belong to the collective, to the community, and—more specifically—to those historically and systemically excluded from the wealth and privileges of homeownership.**

**I have heard the arguments from the propertied class about how this might "hurt homeowners" or "small-time landlords," but frankly, I find these concerns wholly unconvincing and rather steeped in bourgeois individualism. We must shift our framework entirely toward a vision of housing equity, where all forms of housing are evaluated through a DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) lens, rather than clinging to outdated notions of ownership. If small landlords are unable to participate in a social justice housing economy, perhaps it is time for them to re-evaluate their roles in perpetuating the violence of the rental system.**

**Furthermore, organizations like the Galvan Foundation represent a perfect example of the kind of housing solutions we should be uplifting. Yes, Galvan has faced criticism, but it's important to remember that critiques often come from places of privilege and a reluctance to challenge capitalist housing norms. Galvan, and others like it, are trailblazers in their pursuit of affordable housing that centers equity over profit, the exact kind of model that will push us toward a future where all housing is social justice housing. In an equitable world, housing will be community-controlled and allocated based on need, centering the voices of Black, Brown, Indigenous, and other marginalized groups, while incorporating nonbinary and gender-fluid perspectives into urban planning and development.**

**I urge the Common Council to see the bigger picture: good cause eviction is only the beginning of the necessary revolution in housing. Let's be clear: it's not about "protecting tenants" in some narrow legal sense. It's about abolishing exploitative systems entirely and replacing them with community-owned, equity-driven, intersectional housing structures that eradicate landlords as a class. Let's embrace this step forward as part of a broader anti-capitalist, anti-racist, and gender-liberatory housing movement.**

**In solidarity with those on the frontlines of housing justice, I trust you will make the only ethical choice and support “Good Cause Eviction.” Remember: you are not just deciding for Hudson—you are participating in a global shift toward justice, equity, and liberation.**

**Sincerely,**

**Feather (just Feather, no patriarchal last name)**

**(Pronouns: They/Them/The Collective)**

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