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Dear Mayor, Council members, and City Manager,

My name is Sierra Lewitter and I am a member of the Sonoma County Tenants Union. I am writing to you today in support of renting families. As a Petaluma renter and parent of a 1st grader, I believe all children deserve the stability of being able to go to the same school throughout the year without the fear and trauma of having to move away from their school and town during an eviction. I know that if I were to be evicted today, not only would it be a huge financial burden for my family but I would most likely have to move away from Sonoma County entirely, leaving the only place my child has known and the place where I grew up and was hoping to raise my family. Folks who can afford to own a home here should not be the only ones afforded the security of a roof over their heads and stability for themselves and their children. So I urge you to protect our Petaluma renting families so that they can stay housed, especially throughout the school year because I believe housing is a human right, not a commodity!

Thank you,

Sierra Lewitter