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Dear Honorable Mayor McDonnell and Council members,

I strongly urge the City Council to listen to our community and reject the newly drafted just-cause eviction law. It is a burdensome ordinance that will unjustifiably punish housing providers in our community who have dedicated themselves to ethically providing families with an essential service.

The egregious costs in this ordinance – placed squarely on the shoulders of housing providers – will push much-needed housing off the already limited rental housing market.

The Petaluma City Council does not need to add regulations and layers of bureaucracy to already robust protections afforded by renters through California state law. This ordinance will only perpetuate further confusion and bring harm to all members of our community.

It is time to build more housing, not create more laws and bureaucracy.

Sincerely,



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