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Subject: Bullying in low income senior housing, and fear of no-cause eviction

I lived in a 4-plex owned and managed by Reach Community Development. A man downstairs bullied everyone, including myself and my cat. We were afraid to go out in the the beautiful yard because he made strange noises and shouted at us. He also played very, very loud music to harass us.

The man bullied other tenants, and had even bullied the property manager (she told me) when she was new on her job. In my rental application it asked if there any special needs I have. I wrote that I needed a place which was harassment free. But the manager, who knew about this horrible man, gave me that apartment anyway.

For five years I had to live there because it was Project Based Section 8. But by some miracle, after 5 years, Reach issued Section 8 vouchers to all of us in the building. I moved immediately.

I've lived in my present building for 14 years. It's quiet and they neighbors leave me alone; but there is a group of people who spend most of every day in the community room gossiping about certain neighbor, the management, and even the maintenance men. They call them horrible, vulgar names behind their backs. I was unfortunately sitting with them one day, and heard them - of course I left the table right away.

We have been asking management for years for three things, primarily:
speed bumps in the parking lot, since there are many elder people with walkovers, as well as children playing there. Years ago we were promised speed bumps would be installed in two weeks, but they never have been installed.

We have asked for more prominent "residents only parking" signs. The ones we have are very small, and people get towed away because they miss seeing the signs when they drive in.

We have also asked for an automatic door. There are many people in the senior building where I live who cannot open the heavy doors, and have to wait for someone to come to let them into the building.

But the worst thing about my building is the manager. She is mean and ugly to us. This causes me to avoid her as much as possible, because I am afraid if I even "look wrong" or ask for anything at all, she could evict me for no cause. There is also a very high turnover from employees in the apartments here, and the manager stays on and on for many years.

Although some of these issues might not be included in H2004, I urge you to pass H2004 to protect people like myself.

Because of this manager, I am not including my address for fear of retaliation. My phone number is below.

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