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This problem begins with being told in September that for sure it would be at least a year before I got to the top of the waiting list. With this information, I renewed a 1 year lease on the condition I pay 1 and ½ month's rent to break the lease, and section 8 telling me there is no way I can move into HUD housing if I do not fully pay the amount needed to break the lease. The lease would begin the first of January.

December, after I was committed to a one year lease at West Fair Apartments, Kathline called to say, I was at the top of the list! Meaning I either lost my chance to move into the HUD housing or I paid about \$2000 to break the lease, or I could get out of the lease, if I immediately gave my 30 day notice and was out of my apartment by the end of December. I saw no reason for me not qualifying for the HUD housing, so I gave 30 days' notice and, now, face homelessness because of the denial.

Second contact was in her office. I was greeted with a warning about the importance of first impressions and the policy that policy that says ". . . we do discriminate based on . . . handles professional relationships." During our phone call, I asked if the apartment had a tub. It is on my application, that I requested a tub to manage my pain. It is my understanding, that my request for a tub is "reasonable accommodation" and that reasonable accommodations and VAWA accommodations will be given priority over occupancy requirements.

In September, Kathline argued my reasonable accommodation does not put me before everyone else, because that would be unfair. When she called (in December) to say I was at the top of the list, and I questioned if the available apartment had a tub, she said it did not. Before I broke my lease, I wanted to know if I could wait until the next apartment with a tub was available. She said, if I did not accept the apartment without a tub, I would go to the bottom of the list and there is no guarantee the apartment with a tub would ever be available, when I got to the top of the list (again). So I accepted the apartment without a tub and thought we were good and gave my 30 (day) notice. Then she greets me with page 1, and highlighted (the) warning about the importance of getting along with professionals. Excuse me. I am a professional, too. I facilitate workshops for living with chronic conditions. I was shocked by her warning and her repeated intimidation. I did my best to avoid ruffling her feathers again, since I had already given my 30 days' notice and have no place to go at the end of December.

I thought we were doing good, until I showed her my income and explained, part of my income is a stipend and is not to be counted or deducted from housing or food assistance, and I gave her a copy of the law. She responded by denying my application. I could be wrong, but (I) think, she thinks, my special favors are unfair?