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I lost my roommate in February of 2021. My rent then became the amount of my income. Friends helped me along until I was able to receive funding from the pandemic emergency fund. When that fund was exhausted I turned to friends again. My retirement income is quite low, yet I would prefer to live independently as long as possible. My landlord said he'd honor funds again if possible.

I think we may have jumped a bit ahead after the pandemic settled down as now so many of us with low incomes are struggling to make ends meet. My rent was raised \$110 in July. I'm discontinuing my health insurance through my retirement plan and staying with Medicare only simply to help me survive. Affordable rentals are scarce, moving is expensive and it would be so wonderful if I could stay in place rather than move to an unfamiliar area.

Thank you taking notice of this dilemma we face. I'm close to my expiration date on this planet and just want to have a quality of life until my time is over.