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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Meyers
President, Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church St, 2nd Fl
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Re: Amendment to Building Code Amendment

Dear. President Walker-Meyers

The Office of the Mayor submits the attached proposed amendment to the City's Building Code Ordinance to address recent changes to state legislation in SB 998 that authorize municipalities to impose increased fines for violations of the building code in relation to rental property and require certain appeals to be filed directly to the municipal legislative body.

The highlights of the proposed changes in this submission are:

1. Increase of standard fine from \$100 to \$200;
2. Increase of fines for violations related to rental property to \$2,000;
3. Establishment of a procedure for adjudicating appeals filed with the Board of Alders.

Overall, this new proposal is targeted towards those landlords who fail to timely respond to citations for housing code violations on their rental property by substantially increasing the fines. It is hoped that these increased fines will motivate landlords to quickly remedy building code violations and result in improved housing conditions for our many residents who live in rental housing.

We look forward to working with the Board of Alders on this issue.

Very Truly yours,

Patricia King