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Hon. Ivan Allen, Mayor  
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Dear Ivan:

I bring to your attention an article in the Sunday Atlanta Journal-Constitution about the rent strike against the Public Housing Project in St. Louis because of the deplorable condition the property is in. The article related that the project was 12 years old and the elevators are out of order, there is garbage in the hallway and extreme valdalism, most of which is done by children who live in the project and who are from fatherless families. There was also reported cans, bottles and garbage in the yards. The article reported further that these people propose to continue this "rent strike" until this deplorable condition is corrected by the City of St. Louis by providing more police protection and better janitorial service. It seems to me that some of these problems could be solved by better housekeeping on the part of the tenants instead of expecting the governmental authority to look after them.

I have just written a letter to Rodney Cook relating to possible legislation against tenants of willful destruction to property. It seems to me that now is the time to require the tenants to show responsibility and appreciation for their own property as well as the property of others. We will be happy to do anything we can to help this type of legislation through the proper chanel.

Kind regards, and I look forward to hearing you speak to our Board on the 15th.

Cordially,

  
John B. Chapman, Chairman  
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