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My life has not always gone the way I would have liked - partly from my own mistakes, partly from things out of my control. People who have known me for most of my life say that I am naïve and always put others interests before mine, that I try to be kind and caring to all people. What I am going to say today is very difficult because I am shining light on the campus where I have lived for 7 ½ years. Sapphire Lutheran Homes is managed by Cole Harden. They have a grievance procedure to follow in which he is the first person to approach with concerns. After him, you go to the Board Chair. I have done this procedure in writing many times but not to the Board Chair. I never want to get anyone in trouble. Today though I believe that there is a concern that cannot wait to process through a grievance procedure.

I would like to list the concerns I have approached Mr. Harden on during my time residing on his managed property.

1. Living with cockroaches in our building for 3 long years, all while I was researching a way to remove them and giving my information to Mr. Harden. When he finally hired the company that I found, they were gone in a few months.
2. Two years of stalking and harassment by a male resident. Another woman prior to me also called 911 for assistance. I told my story to HUD in October 2018 and they began an investigation. When I saw it would not remove the male resident, I withdrew the complaint in July 2019, which I now believe was a mistake. Mr. Harden's solution to this is to move me across the parking lot to another managed building. This would not help with a civil matter and be very costly for me financially and physically.
3. A new parking lot with only 4 handicapped spaces for 66 units that are first come, first serve.. The remaining residents are assigned spaces. Many of us have permanent handicapped permits being a senior living residence. My assigned space is one of the few farthest away from accessing the building. They will only plow snow on the drive through part, unless we move our vehicles at their appointed time and use only use sand, saying that anything else would hurt their new lot and we are held to the same restrictions. We are going into our second winter with these restrictions. Due to this and a foot injury that eventually required surgery, I parked my car from Jan-April of this year. Even though my surgeon filled out all necessary paperwork for me to park closer to the front door, I was still denied this request.
4. A neighbor was harassed by another resident for months with a satanic theme. That resident still resides in our building and receives packages to aide her with this.
5. Rodents eating our wiring resulting in short circuiting the power in anything requiring power, including the elevator. I have friends on the 3rd floor who cannot walk. A recent fire safety meeting advised them to find an alternate way down resulting in injury but avoiding being burned to death.

Living in an environment of constant stress, danger and fear has greatly affected my health. My medical team sent me to the Seattle Neuro Science Institute in 2014 and Cleveland Clinic six weeks ago. I was employed in a training program from 2012-2015 but had to quit due to my declining health. My goal is to find full time employment and be off all assistance.

I honestly do not know why Mr. Harden tells me that he does not like the way I advocate for myself and my neighbors although he does know that I spend a lot of my time volunteering for conservative candidates. Mayor Dominic Farrenkopf is also employed on our campus and has told me that management has told him to be hands off for assistance. I believe that I have listed important concerns and am asking the County Commissioners for advice on what to do next.