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I am Ira Calkins of Punchbowl Homes 9 months

below is a letter sent to The Executive Director Department Of Human Services Hawaii Public Housing Authority and Manager Mrs Gail Lee Hawaii Public Housing Authority Kalanihuia Management Unit 5

Dated 10 March 2008

This is to inform you that there are spaces in the front and back doors of this apartment allowing Spiders, Black Water Bugs, Small Roch es, and Large Roch es to walk in to the apartment, the gap/space on the bottom of the back door is 1/2" wide. I checked other apartments on my floor and all have this 1/2" gap/space that insects can walk in, this means every apartment in this building has this same problem a 1/2 " space under the kitchen-patio door.

On March 5 2008 in an HUD RE AC Inspection the inspector frond a small black Water Bug under the kitchen sink drain stop er, then Mrs Gail Lee Issued to me, Mr. Ira F. Calkins a Notice of Rental Agreement, House keeping Violation i.e. Failing to take reasonable housekeeping steps to eliminate and prevent Roch infestation.

Right after the inspection I went to City Mill Hardware Store and purchased The necessary chalk, spray, and Bate to eliminate the infestation of the insects, it did the job, killing 5 Spiders 4 Large Roche's 6 Small Roch es and 23 Small Black Water Bugs. I treated the effect of the large crack/space under and a long side both doors of this apartment.

The State of Hawaii required me to Violate the 6Th Commandment of God 38 times in order to live in this apartment, i.e. The Holy Bible King James Version Exodus Chapter 20, 13 Thou shall not kill, all because of a crack/space in the doors of this apartment insects coming in.

My Question to all of you, is it my requirement to fix the cause of the problem of the insect infest ion, i.e. Cracks/Spaces in the doors of this apartment? Or is the requirement of the State of Hawaii Public Housing Authority?

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I, called the Director HPHA Mr. Chad Tamiguchi and explain the insect conditions due to the spaces in the doors and informed me he will call Gail Lee this was in the morning, I was delivering the letter to Mrs Gail Lee and met Mrs Clarissa Hosino a Board Member of HPHA out side of the management office and showed the letter to Mrs Hosino and she asked that i delay sending the letter to the Governor 2 weeks she would take care of this and she did, maintenance came and fixed the spaces on the doors in 2 days of my apartment only.

There is only one problem may apartment is one of 156 apartments in the is building as stated in the letter all apartments have the same problem.

On the 1st floor of this building on wing 3 that is the south end of the building the Fire Exit has 2 steps leading out of the building and a curb that Mr Yamasiro can not get out of the Fire Exit in case of a fire, Mr Yamasiro uses a electric wheel chair. Mr Yamasire would be cough if there was a fire up the hall from him.

As for the upper level management of the HPHA it has steadily increased while the lower levels has decreased from the 60's the direct management and workers Level 1, 2, 3 has not increased in numbers to keep up with the 4 old buildings call Punchbowl Homes this buildings were built in the 60's The major problems have been put off so long that the cost of fixing them has increased to the point that the funds in the budget necessary to repair the buildings have decreased.

Mr Derrick Kamora the supervisor of Mrs Gail Lee has never been to Punchbowl Homes. he has been with HPHA 8 Months.

St. Paul Minnesota Public Housing Authority, the leading housing authority in the United States has advised upper level management of HPHA to increase the number of employees at the lower end at HPHA. Just the opposite is occurring, a mandate from the State of Hawaii to not fill vacancy's is reducing the number of it's lower level 1. 2. 3. personnel.

No upper level management has ever attended an Eviction Hearing for Punchbowl Homes.

The Public Housing Authority has lost 4 Million Dollars due to non collection of rent from tenets not paying across the HPHA this was 5 months ago, as of yesterday it is running 1.45 million dollars for current residents waiting eviction notices

It is unfortunate that we as tenets have to hound the management at Unit 5 for they are in our chain of command. and Upper Level management fails to release funds to make necessary repairs.

The Score of the HUD inspection of 2005 was 83 a C, the most recent inspection of HUD conducted on 5 March is 68 a D-, a score of 60 and below is a F and would eliminate all HUD Funding, residents would be forced to be homeless due to large increases in rent, water and electricity.

Tenet Dweller
Punchbowl Homes
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P.S. May each and every one of you have Infinite Blessing as you think, as we choose our thoughts carefully we become co craters with God and help all of mankind to prepare for December 21st 2012.

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