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| *My name is Janet Alexander, and I am a tenant living in Lake worth FL 33462. I am a member of the Homes Guarantee Campaign.*  ***My rent has been hiked over $400.00 per month. Due to this I am unable to retire at 72 years old and must increase my work hours to meet this ridiculous increase. I have looked for a smaller place and even those are equal or more than I am now forced to pay for rent. Due to health challenges, I have not saved much money and must work as much as I possibly can. I can’t be evicted as I have no place to go.***  The rent is too damn high. The Federal Housing Finance Agency should protect tenants by limiting annual rent hikes to 1.5 times the Consumer Price Index or 3%, whichever is lower, in properties with federally backed mortgages. These limits should be applied universally as a requirement to all federally backed mortgage programs.  In addition to limits on rent hikes, the FHFA should prohibit evictions without good cause, ban source of income discrimination, enforce and expand existing protections against discrimination, require safe and accessible housing conditions, create a landlord registry, require fair and standardized leases, ensure tenants have the right to organize, and create an Office of Tenant Protections to enforce these rights in all properties with federally backed mortgages.   * Landlords are raising rents at the highest rates in over 40 years. * Median rents in the U.S. have risen nearly 20% in the last two years alone. * Nationally, median rent has surpassed $2,000 for the first time ever.   In 2023, there is not a single state where a worker employed full-time at the federal minimum wage can afford a modest two-bedroom apartment.   |  | | --- | | Tenant Protections to enforce these rights in all properties with federally backed mortgages.  Sincerely,  Janet Alexander | |
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