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To the Secretary,

We need more public housing, not less.

My best friend grew up in public housing, and she is the smartest, kindest, person that I know. She spent her early years in the Collingwood high rises, after her mother took her and her little brother and escaped their abusive father. They were so lucky to be able to move to private public housing in Clifton Hill. She always credits public housing with her ability to get through school, make it to uni, and get a good job. Her mother has severe mental health issues and still lives in public housing.

Public housing is precious, it needs to be protected, but also it needs to be improved and expanded.

What kind of society do we want to live in? One that abandons people who are marginalised by the conditions of society? or one that lifts people up, recognises that we are all bound to each other.

If it wasn't for public housing I wouldn't know my best friend. I don't know where she would be today, if she would even be alive. We need a society with **more** support for each other, not less.

We need to look out for each other, to have a caring society, not one that only cares about making profits for developers.

Please don't sell of public housing.

Yours sincerely, Sanjeevani Pathirage [REDACTED]

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