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Chairman Phil Mendelson

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Re: Call for joint roundtable oversight hearing to discuss tenant safety issues

Dear Chairman Mendelson and members of the Council of the District of Columbia:

ANCs 3C, 3F, and 3/4G request that the council committees on Housing, Health, and Facilities and Family Service hold a joint roundtable oversight hearing to discuss the tenant safety issues in apartment buildings along Connecticut Avenue.

Recently, there have been two child fatalities in the space of a week - one in ANC3C and one in ANC3F, and the impact, particularly on the Murch community whose kindergarteners lost a classmate, is profound. Our ANCs have been hearing from constituents that there are not available social services for those who are requesting them.

Council is responsible for oversight of agencies that are responsible for providing care and services to those in need. ANC3C, ANC3F, and ANC3/4G are requesting the committees that oversee the relevant agencies to call an oversight hearing. This is the productive and official route to addressing any issues with these agencies. Oversight hearings allow public witnesses and government witnesses to testify and a record and report is produced.

Thank you, once again, for your consideration. We request the courtesy of your timely reply, which may be directed to Commissioners Courtney Carlson (3F06@anc.dc.gov), Lisa Gore (3G01@anc.dc.gov), and Janell Pagats (3C03@anc.dc.gov).

Sincerely,