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To: Gemeente Amsterdam

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Kenmerk: [redacted]

Onderwerp: Voornemen tot boeteoplegging inzake de woning: [redacted]

Dear [redacted] (Gemeente Amsterdam, Wonen),

Please give me the opportunity to reply to your letter.

On the 27th March I have received your registered letter dated 12 Maart 2019 (kenmerk [redacted]) in regards the supposedly illegal letting of [redacted]

With this letter I would like to state the property is my primary residence when in the Netherlands, as in the last years I have been dividing my time between Europe and Amsterdam. I do frequently visit Amsterdam as my family lives there and make use of the property for myself and for family gatherings. This property is not an illegal hotel. Occasionally when not in Amsterdam, I let friends stay at my property, this has happened only few times before as I'm aware of the 30 days' restriction on short stay in Amsterdam. Most of times, I do have family coming over and using the apartment when I'm not in Amsterdam.

I do understand the concerns of the Gemeente when regulating the housing market. However, I do use this apartment myself on a regular basis as I divide my time between [redacted] and the Netherlands and I find unfounded the assumption made that my house is an illegal hotel.

The [redacted] has been a very difficult street since the beginning of my ownership. We do have 2 night clubs [redacted] blasting music with open doors until 4am every day. Crowds are gathering right on the street smoking and drinking next to these clubs and this makes a restful night sleep simply impossible. Recently (Monday 18th March) there was a serious bar fight leading to stubbing right on my door step. Somebody was nearly stubbed to death, two people in custody and one in critical conditions. Ambulances and police have been on site for hours. We have complained in

the past regarding the illegal opening / music / drinking hours of the [redacted] to the municipality, but this has led to nothing, in fact the bar is still operating today.

For this reasons, I have not been given the opportunity to make this beautiful home my official residence as I cannot live with sleepless nights every single day. I have also consulted many realtors in town and they have advised this property would be impossible to rent out long term, as no renter will ever be willing to live in this street for the nuisance created by loud bars, restaurants and all the one star hotels' guests.

In addition to that, we have been asked by Monumentenwacht to renovate the entire façade and roof of the buildings on [redacted]. In this situation I simply cannot afford this huge investment for a house which is barely livable and not economically viable.

For all the above reasons, sadly I see myself forced to put the house on the market as the city has failed on elevating this street to "Woning" area. [redacted] is already on Funda and the agent [redacted] has been appointed for the sale. This measure is out of desperation for my house being in an unlivable street in Amsterdam.

This matter will be handled by my lawyer if necessary.

Best regards,

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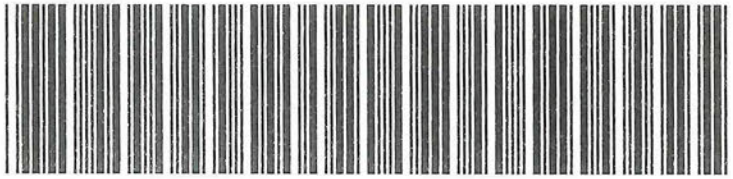

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