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Concerns about Living Conditions at Pine Tree Estates

My name is Bradford Martin, and I currently reside at 46 Holiday Lane, Standish, Maine, 04084. I moved to Pine Tree Estates in 2020 with the intention of enjoying my retirement here. However, I am increasingly concerned about several issues that have arisen during my time in the community.

Since I moved in, the lot rent has increased significantly, from \$480 to \$620 per month. This sharp rise poses a serious challenge for my pension to cover my living expenses.

Additionally, the management has faced multiple problems with the aging water system, particularly regarding water quality. There have been numerous instances where we were instructed to boil water due to leaks in the system, which is a persistent issue. I believe it should not be the tenants' responsibility to be concerned about water safety when ongoing problems with the water system exist.

I also experienced a troubling incident when a tree from the neighboring property fell on my car, resulting in a total loss. I was informed that it was my responsibility to handle the removal, despite the fact that I do not own the property from which the tree fell. My insurance did not cover the full loss, leaving me with a \$2,000 deficit. Furthermore, I had to cut up and remove the top part of the tree myself, while the management initially refused to remove the remaining portion. After much persistence on my part, they finally acted a year and a half later, leaving me worried about the stability of the other trees on the property, especially as my grandson sleeps in that area of the home.

Whenever I raise concerns with the management, I feel as though they retaliate by inspecting my property for minor infractions, often threatening eviction over trivial matters. I relocated here with the hope of living peacefully, without fear of repercussions for voicing my concerns regarding the management's responsibility as landlords.

My greatest fear now is the possibility of having to find another piece of land and incur the substantial expenses associated with moving my home to a safer environment.

Sincerely,
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