

**Sample Letter Opposing “Housing as a Human Right”
(AKA FREE housing as a human right)**

Dear (Local Representative Name) :

I oppose “Housing as a Human Right”, (AKA **Free** housing as a human right.) A clear distinction needs to be made between a human need and a human right. There are state and local ordinances in place to protect tenants in need. In many cases, tenants’ attorneys fees are covered through various tenant advocacy groups. There are courts that will serve justice on any landlord who takes advantage of a tenant; therefore, there is no need to appease tenant rights groups that demand a “Tenants Bill of Rights”.

The underlying duty of public officials is to uphold the provisions made in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Housing is **not** a protected right within the Constitution; however, people who own property are protected from other people using it without permission or compensation. This is the difference between a free country and a socialistic country. It’s the choice between the American Dream or socialized housing owned by the government.

Public Housing is such a failure! Section 8 is the birth child of Public Housing’s own failure. Where is the public housing success? It’s not there. Crime. Below standard schools. Segregation. Look how it traps the people it houses. You really want to trap people into that kind of housing? Well, politicians are causing this with their punitive laws and rent control. You and I both know that rent control is causing a housing shortage (Econ 101)!

Are you in favor of a hand-up or a hand out? Create pathways to home ownership instead of pathways to “free” government housing. Honor property rights and create an environment that encourages investors to build more housing. You think you are finding a solution to the housing problem when actually, you are slowing down the production of more units.

Respectfully,

(Insert Your Name Here)