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Dependable Temporary Labor

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is John Parker and I am currently employed as the Branch Manager of the Labor Ready Office in New Haven, Connecticut, in which I have been for over seven years. I am a single father of three young children one of which is physically and mentally challenged. She has some learning disabilities and is diagnosed as being legally blind due to her low vision, Further she has other classic symptoms of having Noonan Syndrome.

For the last seven years I have been residing at a residence in Meriden Connecticut. During that time I have had several landlord/owners. The last one went default on a loan established through Freddy Mac. As a result, I was contacted by Berry Mackiewicz who was hired to sell the foreclosed property, and informed of the foreclosure and my options. As he explained, I was contacted by an attorney representing Freddy Mac and was given the option to move out under the cash for keys program or to go on a month to month lease. The cash for keys program allowed me to move out and if I left the property in clean condition within a predetermined time frame I would receive payment of up to five thousand dollars. I declined primarily because of my child and the progress the school she is attending has had with her challenges. During the two weeks I had to decide I was unable to find another residence within the same school district that had a comparable rent as to what I was currently paying. Because of my income I could not afford an increase in my cost of living.

I notified both Mr. Mackiewicz and the attorneys representing Freddy Mac of my intentions to remain in the residence and go on a month to month lease. However, the attorneys refused to acknowledge the receipt of my intentions and started eviction proceedings. The eviction proceedings continued all the way to a hearing at the court house in New Haven Connecticut.

Amy from Connecticut Legal Aid came to my defense. Even with their involvement the attorneys were still standing on their grounds that I did not properly notify them of my intentions and continued to proceed with the eviction. Amy was able to confirm through an interview with Mr. Mackiewicz that I had indeed notified them of my intentions and that he also communicated my intent to the attorneys. She was then able to contact a representative from Freddy Mac in Washington DC and get results. I signed a monthly lease with a property management firm and was able to remain in my residence. Since then Mr. Mackiewicz was able to sell the house and I now have a new landlord. Any lawyer could have done the same thing, but because of my limited income and the added responsibility of being a single father to three children one of which is challenge placed me in a position where my only option was to represent myself or seek the help from a service such as Connecticut Legal Aid. If it had not been for their intervention, I would have been evicted. I probably would have found another place to live but the chances that I could have found such a place within the school district where my children

Sincerely:

John Parker