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Dear Rules Committee,

I'm writing to you to express my concern and opposition to the sprinkler retrofit mandate. This affects 126 buildings throughout the city and app 15,000 City residents. I own a studio apartment in the historic Hamilton building in the Tenderloin, one of these affected buildings.

I ask you to reverse this mandate or to create an exemption for these buildings unless they undertake a *major* renovation. Even before the adjacent costs are calculated, the estimated minimum expense will be approximately \$10,000 for my studio. As a homeowner in the Tenderloin, this added expense and construction is onerous, and may lead to my having to leave my home. Some of the homeowners in my building are on fixed incomes and / or disabled, most are first-time homeowners like myself. I was able to purchase my home through SFMOHCD's downpayment assistance program. As such, my income level to qualify for this program is below the median, making this sprinkler mandate an extreme financial burden.

Additionally, this increases the risk that property values will continue to decrease in my building. They have already fallen by over 30% since the pandemic, a reflection of the conditions in a vulnerable neighborhood that has already borne the brunt of City neglect. This decline directly impacts City property tax revenue.

Finally, I'm deeply concerned that this regulation was mandated without a transparent process, no feasibility studies, and with no homeowner input. Why don't homeowners and taxpayers have a say in this? Instead, only building unions have been given the opportunity to weigh in on these requirements.

Please, I urge you to speak with your colleagues and either reverse this mandate or create the exemption noted above.

Thank you,
Victoria Pons