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Draft of letter to James Oddo, Commissioner of DoB

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Let me know if this sounds accurate/appropriate:

Hello Mr. Oddo,

I'm a tenant in a building that was inspected by DoB on 8/14, a cracked support beam was found. They installed a temporary support beam on Sunday. The complaint numbers are 1675132 and 1675138 for [109 East 9th Street New York, NY 10003](#). The property owner told me that if he's not able to afford the permanent repairs that the DoB engineers instruct him, that he might have to sell the building. I want to know more information of what to expect, and where that will leave the permanent tenants if he sells the building or is unable to afford the permanent repairs, what are our rights, and how we can retain occupancy even if there's a temporary order to vacate. The owner is worried that he's going to be told he needs to completely gut and rebuild every wall and floor in the residential space, but he doesn't have the financial means to do that. I don't want to lose my home, I've lived here for 13 years, 16 years in the East Village, my neighbor has been here for over 30 years, it is our permanent residence and we never want to leave. I spent my whole life to find affordable housing in this specific area. I'm a 42 year old disabled artist, living in this neighborhood is very important to me, it's my home. I couldn't afford to live here without this housing.

If you can please direct me to someone who can answer my questions. Will our building's interior have to be entirely rebuilt? What will the tenants have to do if and when that is to happen? If the owner decides to sell the building, will we be given an order to vacate at any given point? Is it possible for a permanent support beam to be built without entirely dismantling the building and leading to us being displaced? Are there any resources the property owner can use to provide funding for this type of construction/repair by the city of New York? Please let me know what to expect and how to prepare, or maybe direct me to someone who can answer these questions. Thank you very much.

Kindly,
Zachary Hall