

My name is Jatalyah Hathaway. I am from Louisville, I went to Seneca High School. Im from a large family with 5 sisters and 2 brothers. I am a mother of two and expecting a third. Im a homebody. I don't have a lot of hobbies. I really enjoy being at home and spending time with my kids singing and dancing. But lately my home has been a nightmare.

I moved into Sheppard Square in 2014. Although this was before Ct Group took over, it was still bad then, but it got much worse.

I started having problems with CT Group earlier this year. They don't care about how anyone is living. They don't respond to maintenance requests. I've been there for 9 years, they haven't updated anything in my apartment. No new carpet, no new appliances, no new paint, nothing. When I put in a request for these items, they say there is a 5 year waiting list, but they never tell me where I am on the list or when I can expect these things. If you call the office, they never answer, they never even pick the phones up.

You literally have to walk to the office to get someone to respond, and then they give you the runaround and send you on your way. It is really obvious that they don't care about us or about fixing these issues.

My air conditioning was not working for months. My kids and I have been without AC all summer. Let me just say that again because I don't think you heard me. My kids and I were without Air conditioning All summer long.

Finally, they fixed it after I complained several times. And I believe they only fixed it because HUD started doing inspections in JULY. They don't change the filters. They do not give 24 hours notice to come into my apartment. The maintenance comes in whenever they want. They'll knock if im there, but if im not, they will come on in.

One year ago, I had an appointment with CT Group to adjust my rent. I got to the appointment on time, but my caseworker was not there. The next day, I got a notice asking me to come to tell me that my rent increased, but they never told me why.

I just met Kathy Strom about a month ago because I failed my inspection b/c my appliances were old, but they haven't fixed or replaced anything for 9 years.

Kathy was very rude and disrespectful, blaming me for the failed inspection. When I was trying to get help with my LG&E a few months ago, she let me know that she didn't care, she actually denied my LIHEAP assistance, b/c she said the amount was "too little."

She then let me know that I would be getting an eviction notice in a week. She filed an eviction against me for nonpayment of rent. Two or three weeks later, I got a call from someone with LMHA who handles evictions, who said that Kathy couldn't evict me. She let

me know that my files are missing. I believe Kathy Strom is abusing her power and intentionally hid my files to try and evict me.

I fear for my life on a regular basis. It is not safe to live in Sheppard Square b/c of CT Group. We are taking a huge risk by speaking out about these issues. As members of the tenants union, we have each other's back, but we need to know that this city has our back also.

It doesn't have to be like this. This is not an accident. This is not an oversight. This is intentional. Neglecting our maintenance issues are profitable for CT Group and LMHA. They make money off our suffering. The maintenance issues and neglect are policy decisions because LMHA has put profit over people. But we can change this. Sheppard Square and Liberty Green are not old developments. They are fairly new and they can be great places to live if we prioritize them. And if that means that LMHA needs local money to do maintenance, then we should give it to them. But we can't continue to allow LMHA to invest in new projects that put money in the hands of private developers, especially when they don't maintain the sites they already have. Thank you.