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To whom it may concern:

I would like to report on the significance of the rental housing crisis in Ketchum and the Wood River Valley at large right now. Two months ago, the owners of the condo my husband and I had been renting abruptly announced that they were selling it and gave us 30 days to vacate - in spite of the fact that we had a lease through September. Despite being model renters - married couple, no children or pets, non-smokers, fully employed - and in spite of near-full-time effort that we put into finding a place, we were unable to find another long-term rental to move into. We are fortunate enough to be able to pay up to \$2,500/month in rent, but, even so, in each case when we applied somewhere - another renter would come in and offer the landlord \$500-1000 more per month in rent than the asking price and we would get priced out. That was on the few places that there were even to apply. We wrote to AirBnB owners, begging them to let us rent long-term - to no avail.

We were lucky enough to finally find a short-term rental that we have for at least three months - so, unlike many, we are not homeless right now, but I don't know what we are going to do when our time is up here.

We are responsible, community-engaged citizens - my husband works for Blaine County - who can pay, but we are literally unable to find a place to rent.

This is a crisis and it is a crisis now. Although Bluebird is a wonderful solution for the future that I fully support - it will not be ready in time to save those of us in crisis now.

Please help us. Please consider hosting a meeting specifically to address this issue. It is a true emergency for this community.

Thank you,
Naomi McDougall Graham

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