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Ms. Shola Olatoye
Chair & Chief Executive Officer
New York City Housing Authority
250 Broadway
New York, New York 10007

Dear Ms. Olatoye:

As president of Local 237 Teamsters, which proudly represents our city's 8,000 New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) employees, I was deeply disturbed by comments made by Denise Torres, a technical resource advisor for NYCHA, during a recent tenant meeting when she blamed NYCHA staff for creating a rat problem at the Frederick Douglass Houses in Manhattan.

Local 237 has raised this issue to NYCHA management for 15 years. Continued understaffing and bad management are to blame. Members of Local 237 have kept all NYCHA housing operating despite management neglect. It is a cowardly act to blame our members for management failures.

Ms. Torres has created a hostile work environment at this housing development. We take this matter seriously.

Sincerely,

Gregory Floyd
President, Local 237 Teamsters