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City of Portland Director of Inspections  
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City of Portland Maine

Dear Ms. Munson,

I finally have the opportunity to disclose important information concerning the property located 32 Turner Street and the danger it is to the surrounding neighbors on Munjoy Hill. The lady that owned the home located at this address, passed away several months ago and it's important for me to pass on the following information to the 'powers that be'.

Her home was built in the late 1800's and there has been little done to maintain or upgrade it throughout the years. I am hoping you have the authority to inspect this home before there is a tragedy within this neighborhood. The home sits 40 inches away from a wood structure that is an apartment house and is surrounded by several other apartment houses.

The structure of this home is unsound and one outside wall is leaning towards the abutting property. The building is also covered with asbestos siding that is cracked and broken and should be removed for the safety of the many citizens that pass by and live in the neighborhood.

The single car garage is built right on the property line. It is leaning to one side and appears to be rotting from within.

There are many problems in the interior of this building. The plaster ceilings are falling down in some areas. The drainage pipes are plugged up and they back flow into the kitchen sink. There is and has been standing water in the basement for many years. There is mold in the basement and probably mold within the walls of this building. There are mice living within this structure and I wouldn't be surprised if there were rats and cockroaches also living there. In my opinion, this property should be condemned.

This building has been a home of 'filth' for the last five or six years and I have personal knowledge of the facts listed in this letter. I have waited until now to disclose them because I didn't want to force an elderly lady from her home or cause her any problems in her later years.

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It's also important to mention this home is a two family home and there has been lead paint used throughout this building. There are no smoke detectors located in either unit and I'm assuming the new owner wouldn't hesitate to rent either unit in the condition they are in. This would certainly be a disservice to any family with children or any other tenant.

The contact information for this owner is as follows;

Steven Babb  
115 Cumberland Road  
South Portland, ME 04106

I would rather remain anonymous at this time, but am willing to come forward if in fact there is a tragedy caused from the property mentioned in this letter,

Thank you for your time.

cc: Portland Fire Chief Frederick J Lamontagne Jr.

cc: The following abutting property owners;  
Lugri L. Flaherty, 22 Turner Street  
Sive Neilan, Apt.3, 29 Emerson Street  
C&R Rentals, 9 Skip Road, Buxton, ME 04093

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