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31 January 2008

Re: 46 Waterville Street

Dear Ms. Costigan:

We are in receipt of your letter of January 25, 2008 regarding fire code inspections at 46 Waterville Street. We have been in contact with the Fire Department and a message has been left with Lt. John Brooks to set up an onsite inspection so we can clarify what we need to do to address his concerns. We hope that this can be arranged with Lt. Brooks next week so that necessary work can begin.

We were startled to read that this is our "final opportunity to correct the violation." This was our first notice of violations. No notice - verbal or written - was received in March 2004 nor was any notice - verbal or written - received as a result of Lt. Brooks' apparent visit to our property on August 30, 2007. We had no idea that these concerns had been raised.

Perhaps some of the confusion is that the City of Portland's records have not kept up with David Body's changes of address over a two year period. In March 2004, David Body's legal address was indeed 46 Waterville Street (but never received any notice as a result of the March 6, 2004 visit). Starting in June 2005 David was in Moldova serving as a Peace Corps volunteer and then resided at 98 Virginia Street. But we have been in residence at 46 Waterville since June 2007. Even a simple note left in the building in connection with the August 30 visit would have helped. We don't mean to avoid responsibility - but we just want to document that your January 25, 2008 letter was our first notice from the City.

We look forward to meeting personally with Lt. Brooks - or someone else authorized to advise us on necessary repairs - so that we can address the concerns identified in your letter.

Sincerely,



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cc: Captain Greg Cass ✓