**NOTICE OF MOTION FORM**

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| **TO: General Meeting****FROM: General Member****DATE: March.12****RE: Promoting resource to help students affected by illegal housing charges and disputes** |
| **ISSUE: Promoting resource for students to help students affected by illegal housing charges and disputes****DETAILS:** Many students at UW have faced issues with local housing providers, including illegal damage charges and deposits, large cleaning fees, withheld key deposits, and other miscellaneous charges. WUSA’s Legal Service provides valuable support, but it is a slow and time-consuming process to resolve these increasingly common and illegal disputes. The University provides [some resources](https://uwaterloo.ca/off-campus-housing/) to inform students of things to look out for when renting, but it doesn’t get into common issues and problems students face with local landlords when moving out, and it is significantly out of date with many broken links. WUSA and UW should work to update and expand their rental resources for students and should further work together to develop recommendations to address the systemic issues that students have been facing in the local rental market. Students come to UW to get a world-class education, but housing struggles are a significant distraction from studies and have a negative impact on the UW experience. UW has a unique history of innovation and problem-solving, and we should be applying that same spirit to these core problems facing students.**RECOMMENDATION(S) / DRAFT MOTION(S):** **Be it resolved that** WUSA should work with the University to update and expand its housing resources to include the common scams and illegal issues that students face when looking for rental space, living in rented space, and moving out of their rented spaces.**Be it further resolved that**WUSA work with the University to jointly develop recommendations to address the systemic issues that students have been facing in the local rental market.**MOVER(S): Molly Lu****ATTACHMENT(S): Current UW Off-campus housing resource website**<https://uwaterloo.ca/off-campus-housing/>**Some useful resources found on reddit community regarding tenant rights and legal action.** <https://www.reddit.com/r/uwaterloo/comments/hgm2vc/psa_know_your_tenant_rights_this_is_the_time_of/> <https://www.reddit.com/r/uwaterloo/comments/kaw09r/please_read_this_before_renting_in_kw/> <https://www.reddit.com/r/uwaterloo/comments/idkdzl/email_template_start_your_own_legal_battle_with/> |