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We need to make extant housing affordable and we need public housing as the failures of the market have proven with the scattered, shattered lives of millions upon millions of Americans here in the US. There is so much empty housing serving as financial assets in investment portfolios of hedge fund and permanent capital cretins instead of as direly needed shelter for Americans. These unnecessary anonymous office buildings and homogeneously hideous petrochemical yuppie kennel condos intentionally priced out of financial reach of the workforce aren't making housing more accessible by the developers of mediocrity (ever unhelpful and undesirable to the taxpayer residents of e.g. Portland) by "adding to supply" or affordability, but to the contrary and our collective detriment, are directly causing housing to be more expensive and, of course, less attainable as they artificially inflate the market that then causes cost of living to skyrocket. Actual houses should be affordable for everyone as a societal standard with an economy that isn't allowed to rob people of it. The supply and demand oversimplification is a known false narrative misrepresentation frequently used as a disingenuous ploy of parasitic, societally toxic, necrotic price gouging corporate slumlords and profiteering developers of blight who knock down our cherished structures and affordable housing stock to then exploit tenants mercilessly. Simply building more just isn't the answer whether the soft handed nut-jobs of unearned wealth that comprise the plutocracy like it or not. We cannot outbuild the greed of rentier capitalism. Allowing society to regress into another gilded age by allowing feudalism to exist in modern day America is pathetic and we need to evolve beyond an economy that cancerously consumes society. The entire city could be nothing but the tacky garbage housing being forced on us at infinite stories high and it'd still be unaffordable to most real people. Housing is supposed to shelter people, not exploitative profits. We need rent caps. Housing, in a humane and sane society, is for people having homes; the manifest purpose of housing is not for speculative investing, permanent capital, private equity or any of the other euphemistic titles of shady schemes and scams predatory sociopaths cloak their misdeeds masquerading as respectable careers under like so much bordello make-up. It's errant and always socially destructive to allow societal necessities to be commodified and exploited as consumerist products. We need neighborhood character instead of carpetbagger privileged philistines of no character. We need culture and creative people, not consummate consumers. We need sense of place instead of senseless displacement and inclusivity rather than diaspora. Gentrification is feudalistic, another form of white settler colonialism and is imperialist. Without equity of opportunity we have no meritocracy and therefore the "successes" of the pampered poodle prigs aren't valid and certainly not respectable. We need a powerful public sector. We need a robust social safety net. We need solid social

services and a world class infrastructure. What the wealthy plunder from us for their useless wealth and insatiable greed of insanity is what puts people on the street, leads to us “not being able to afford children school meals,” not having universal pre-K, having such a poor public transportation system that you can’t get around unless you’re wealthy enough to afford a car, having failing public schools, not putting our brightest minds into universities, and so much other embarrassing stupidity that we should all be ashamed of as I certainly am. To give people no chance and then blame them when they falter is so incredibly dumb and cruel. THE RICH OWE US OUR TAXPAYER DOLLAR BACK!! I’m sick of living in a hollowed out society bereft of the fruits of labor the working class have toiled to put into it because a bunch of self-entitled born-rich losers steal from us