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To: ['Apantaku, Elyse'](#)

Date: 9/4/2013 10:30:45 AM

Subject: RE: Housing Discrimination

Hi Elyse!

It was great speaking with you too. I have asked some people about PTLA's tester training and I do have a few people who would like to participate, including myself.

I have not yet mentioned, and I will refrain from mentioning the tester program in any public venue as to protect the integrity of the program and PTLA and HUD's guidelines.

I am going to be making contact with Maine Equal Justice Partners and the Maine Association of Interdependent Neighborhoods in the very near future.

I have spoken with some tenants who are in a very precarious and dangerous situation in Warren Maine and who could use PTLA's help. I can tell you more about this tenant in Warren when we speak again.

Let me know when you have time to talk and I will call you directly.

Thank you for your message. I look forward to working with you and PTLA on these very serious issues.

GinA

MAINE TENANTS JUSTICE LEAGUE

From: Apantaku, Elyse [mailto:eapantaku@ptla.org]

Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 10:04 AM

To: 'Help'

Subject: RE: Housing Discrimination

Dear GinA:

It was nice speaking with your on Friday. I will plan on meeting with you sometime next week (beginning 9/8) to talk about our training program. As I explained earlier my schedule is a bit unpredictable this month because I have a trial on the trial list for September so I just know that it will happen sometime this month. I will have more information about when it is likely to be as the month progresses.

It would be best if no mention was made of Pine Tree's testing program on the radio because we need to have all promotional materials approved by our grantor, HUD, before being used. And I feel like it's better to be safe than sorry.

I think it might be useful for the Maine Tenant Justice League to connect with Maine Equal Justice Partners and the Maine Association of Interdependent Neighborhoods you can learn more about both groups here: <http://www.mejp.org/>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Elyse

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From: Help [<mailto:help@mainetenants.org>]
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 10:05 AM
To: Apantaku, Elyse
Subject: RE: Housing Discrimination

Hi Elyse. Thank you for contacting the MAINE TENANTS JUSTICE LEAGUE. We would be happy to help the PTLA in any way we can.

I will call you this morning and speak with you at length about the project and what the PTLA is seeking from its volunteers.

GinA Turcotte

From: Apantaku, Elyse [<mailto:eapantaku@ptla.org>]
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 9:15 AM
To: 'help@mainetenants.org'
Cc: Hunter, Jill
Subject: Housing Discrimination

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm an attorney at Pine Tree Legal Assistance. I work in our Fair Housing Unit where we do two things: 1) we help people who are being treated differently by landlords because of their race, color, national origin or ancestry, sex, disability, family status (having children), and sexual orientation; and test landlord and property management companies to see if they are subtle discriminating against people for these reasons.

I wanted to know if I could pass information along to your organization about housing discrimination law general and ask your members if they might be interested in helping us with our testing program. Testers are paid a small stipend for each test they complete and they are trained before being given their first test assignment. We need all kinds of people to be testers. Please look at our website for more information: <http://www.ptla.org/fair-housing>

Would the Maine Tenant Justice League be interested in this? Please note that I am a temporary employee here at Pine Tree and my time at Pine Tree is done on 9/30 so if you wanted me to give a presentation we'd have to set that up fast as I am not sure of my colleagues' availability once I am gone.

Sincerely,
Elyse

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