

Written Testimony from Mr. SM:
Tenant at Common Ground's
The Christopher- 202-212 W. 24th Street NY, NY

1. WHY SRO FUNDING IS NEEDED:

I remember those days when I was out on the street homeless and drunk. I think what if I didn't live in an SRO now. Would I have done anything good with myself? If this housing wouldn't exist I would probably still a drunk and homeless. I would end up going to the hospital all the time when I needed to see a doctor and I would still be living in and out of shelters. If my SRO didn't exist what else would I have left. Plus, they need these services in the city to help others like me.

2. HOW SROs and SRO services have POSITIVELY impacted their lives:

My SRO is the first place I can call home. It has helped me reconnect with my life. Especially being previously an alcoholic. It has reconnected me with wanting to live in the world. Having my own apartment has been empowering while having my own address has been liberating. Having a place to live has helped me reconnect with my family and my family is grateful that I am safe, stable, and sober. I am now an active member in CUCS' advocacy committee and look forward to maintaining a healthy and positive lifestyle.

Mr. SM
SRO Tenant of The Christopher