

Written Testimony from Mr. WP  
Tenant at Common Ground's  
The Christopher- 202-212 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street NY, NY

1. WHY SRO FUNDING IS NEEDED:

Right now the way the economy is set up we need more money for this housing. I feel as if I am one of the lucky ones. But what about those that aren't so lucky. Should we leave them out there in the cold? This is not the time to be playing politics with people's lives.

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

Since I have been living in an SRO I received my two year certificate from my substance abuse program which I just completed. This housing has kept me sober. I was struggling with staying off liquor and drugs for 10 years and not until I got my apartment two years ago have I been able to stay sober. Now that I have an apartment I'm hopeful and positive which helps me to outreach others to help themselves the way I have been helped. Having my apartment gives me peace of mind and it let's my family and friends know that if you have a problem in life success can still be achieved.

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