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Renters across the United States are still behind on rent due to the catastrophic failure of our healthcare and economic system, an already broken system that was starkly exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. With the end of the eviction moratorium in Washington state fast approaching, Seattle rents are exploding once again, continuing to crush us and our fellow workers. Renters and residents everywhere must come together and fight to remain in our homes, addressing both the acute and the chronic housing crisis.

UAW 4121 is the union of more than 6000 academic student workers and postdocs at the University of Washington. UW works because we do, and as such we deserve to live free of rent burden in the city where we work. To continue fighting for that vision and building our power, we are endorsing the Renters Rights Campaign from Councilmember Kshama Sawant's office. The movement is pursuing several important renters protections, and has already banned the eviction of children and educators during the school year, closed loopholes in just cause eviction laws, and won the right to representation for all renters facing eviction. These wins meet urgent needs now while simultaneously building our power to win residential and commercial rent control.

New organizers were inspired by our two contract struggles over the last year, and we are excited to mobilize them to the Renters Rights Campaign this summer. Together with the fighting labor movement, we will continue to build power. Because when we fight, we can win.

In solidarity,
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