

Many of Us Are Tired

Good Morning, Mayor Gaskins and Councilmembers.

My name is Asia Ford, and I speak today on behalf of *many of us* who live in ARHA housing.

Many of us... are tired.

Tired of the blatant disrespect.

Tired of the neglect.

Tired of the endless runaround.

And many of us are tired of the corruption that keeps us trapped.

But you know what we are *really* tired of?

We're tired of not having safe homes for ourselves and our children.

We're tired of inhaling asbestos.

We're tired of mold and water damage that never gets fixed.

We are tired of asking ARHA for help — for years — and getting nothing but excuses.

Many of us are at a breaking point.

Why are we still going through this?

Because too many people on ARHA's Board of Commissioners don't care enough about us.

Because this city has not put enough pressure on them to act.

We have been failed.

Failed by a system that was supposed to protect us.

Failed by leaders who were supposed to serve us.

That is why *many of us* showed up today.

We demand swift change from this Council to the Board of Commissioners.

Because we are sick and tired... of being sick and tired.

We can't get a single human being at ARHA headquarters at 401 Wythe Street to even care enough to give us dignity.

So today, we ask you, Mayor Gaskins, Councilmembers — hold the Board accountable.

Make them hold their staff accountable.

Because many of us are here.

Many of us are watching.

And many of us are done being silent. **Thank you!**