

Dear _____,

My name is _____ and I live in the Capitol View area of southwest Atlanta. I am a member of the Capitol View Neighborhood Association and I am a very concerned resident.

Our neighborhood residents are working very hard to revitalize this area and one of our biggest recurring problems is absentee landlords and vacant homes. We currently have more than 70 vacant homes in our neighborhood. These houses become a haven for squatters, prostitution and drugs.

The city of Atlanta's code enforcement system is broken and ineffective. We need tougher city ordinance and state legislation that will give the code enforcement division power to close these vacant and dilapidated homes, and effectively end the criminal behavior going on inside these houses. We need more strict state legislation that supports and toughens up city code ordinances, and we need code enforcement officers who work more closely with police to clean up our neighborhood.

As you look forward to the next legislative session, please remember the good people in Capitol View, and in similar neighborhoods all over the city of Atlanta, and help us bring our neighborhood back. Our neighborhood has a great history and we want to build on that legacy. We are working very hard as residents, but we need your voice. Please help us in our efforts.

Thank you,

