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Dear Mr, POCKLINGTON

Re: Eviction concerns

I am the founder of the Association of Pension & Benefits Claimants CIC.

Scotland, Northern Ireland, Australia and even New York have extended their eviction protection 6-12 months instead of the three months that we have in England and Wales.

At the Association of Pensions & Benefits Claimants CIC we are fearful of a wave of evictions occurring. Landlords have already been educated that tenants on Universal Credit are likely to be bad tenants unable to pay their rent. Section 21 has not been rescinded.

This matter needs to be brought to the attention of your minister. At the ABC we do not want scenes like those in the USA and France occurring in England and Wales. When people's food and shelter are threatened, and huge numbers of people are losing their jobs mass evictions could cause social unrest. This happened in Ireland after the potato famine and random attacks [murders] on landlords grew into the Fenian movement and ultimately the Irish Civil War and the then the Troubles. The problems in the US are not just about police brutality.

I wrote this today on Facebook:

If you go back over the last few years this rioting was predicted because of inequality. Also because of systemic racism in the US. One in six Americans are on food stamps. America is in decline. These riots are but a symptom of a range of issues that have been building up for years. They have been magnified by the loss of jobs, spiralling poverty and insecurity and the public being bottled up by the pandemic. We have seen rioting in France for example. Declining real wages and cutting of welfare and pensions to cut



government spending. The US by far and the UK are at the top of the Gini scale for having the most unequal societies in the world.

Please do not unnecessarily cause trouble to the people of country by underestimating this issue. Not only will people be evicted, but they will have no homes to go to or favourable credit references to offer. Please note the article we published today on our website: www.abcorg.net (as attached). I have written to Will Quince MP and the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,



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