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Dear Honorable City Counselors, Mayor, Ward Alderman:

It cannot be true the City is refusing to renew the lease of Arts at the Armory - and after all the tenant improvements they've made!

Arts at the Armory provides an important venue to service a lively community base that enhances so many Somervillens' lives. And Rufus Wainwright is coming! Taking that away from citizens would be a literal tragedy.

Are we really in that neo-liberal place where chaos comes before community, and the places where we build our bridges to one another are so feared by our government they must be annihilated?

Give them a fair lease now.

Sincerely,

Ashley Stearns