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**From:** Toussaint Lousier, Chicago Anti-Eviction Campaign,  
**To:** Cheri Keisner  
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**Subject:** Homeless people and people-less homes

Dear Home Defender,

Across the country, millions of houses stand vacant, while millions of people are homeless. **The banks and the government aren't doing anything to move homeless people into people-less home, so communities are taking matters into their own hands.** But we need to stand together to make sure that Wall Street doesn't keep blocking the way.

In the summer of 2012, Martha Biggs, a single mother of four children, moved into a new home on Chicago's South side after months of homelessness. Her landlord had moved out of the building vacant after being harassed and defrauded by agents for Deutsche Bank, leaving it to be stripped by vandals. **With support of the owner and her neighbors, Martha's family moved in, taking responsibility for fixing up and maintaining the modest two-story house.**

**Not long after she moved in, the banks agents began harassing Martha,** just as they had harassed her landlord. When Martha refused their "cash for keys" offer to move out, attorneys for Deutsche Bank moved to put her family out by using the case they had already started against Martha's landlord.

**Can you sign Martha's petition to Deutsche Bank -- don't let them leave her family homeless and her house vacant.**

On April 25th, **Sheriff broke down Martha's door, her family at gunpoint** even as she explained her name was not on their paperwork. In response, several of **Martha's neighbors rushed to scene, ultimately convincing the bank's agents to keep the family in their home.** To express their outrage over Martha's eviction, they delivered a petition to Deutsche Bank with signatures from nearly a hundred of Martha's neighbors.

After initially agreeing to keep Martha and her family in their home, **Deutsche Bank's agents are now moving to evict them once again and leave this home empty once again.** But Martha and her neighbors aren't giving up. They are coming together to stand with this family in the fight to keep their neighborhood from being destroyed by the Big Banks.

They are demanding that Deutsche Bank do the right thing and donate this home to a local non-profit organization that will keep a roof over this family's heads and prevent another vacant property from blighting their neighborhood.

**Please sign Martha's petition to keep her family in their home!**

Thanks for your support,  
Toussaint Lousier, The Biggs family, and the Chicago Anti-Eviction Campaign

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