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Thousands blocked from renting

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Some of the biggest letting agents in the country are actively discriminating against private renters. One in three renters receiving housing benefit are locked out of homes they could otherwise afford, pushing them closer to homelessness this Christmas.

But because of the campaigning by thousands of our supporters like you, we were able to get Ludlow Thompson – the worst offender – to take steps to end discrimination of renters on housing benefit.

However, Ludlow isn't the only culprit.

Take a stand!

Housing benefit discrimination is widespread across the industry. Our investigation found that some of England's leading letting agent chains, Haart, Yourmove, Bridgfords, Fox & Sons, and Ludlow Thompson all have branches that ban renters on housing benefit.

We've heard of tenants such as Rosie, a working mum who uses housing benefit. Rosie had been living at her previous address for 11 years. And although she had never missed a rent payment before, a letting agent said it would not proceed with her application solely because she claimed housing benefit.

If enough of us stand up for what's right by telling tell these agents that they can't get away with discrimination anymore, they will have to change their behaviour.

It will also send a signal to other agents that discrimination is unacceptable.

Sign our petition to call on Bridgfords, Dexters, Fox & Sons, Haart, Hunters, Ludlow Thompson, and Your Move to treat all renters fairly, on a case-by-case basis.

Sign the petition

We're a powerful movement – thousands of our supporters spoke up about Ludlow Thompson's behaviour, forcing it to begin addressing its actions. But we need to push it further along with the other agents in our investigation.

Together, we can stop prejudice against renters on benefits and make it easier for them to find a home.

Thank you,

Kojo Shelter Campaigns team

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