

Ok in here are two (2) letters. One for the Ontario Provincial government and one for the Federal government. March 24 is the day they decide on the federal level. March 25 for the province.

THIS IS TO BE SENT TO ONTARIO GOVERNMENT IF YOU ARE AN ONTARIO RESIDENT. I LIFTED THE WORDS FROM A PETITION FROM THE FMTA - >

<https://www.torontotenants.org/covid>

Send to Doug Ford doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Send to Steve Clark: steve.clark@pc.ola.org

Send to your own MPP: <https://www.ola.org/en/members/current/contact-information>

Doug Ford
Steve Clark

My name is ____ and I live _____

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, people across the province of Ontario people are facing layoffs, work closures, and public health directives to stay home and self-isolate or practice social distancing. This is causing significant financial hardship for working families across the province – and it is only the beginning. Experts believe that this will not be resolved in the coming weeks. The province of Ontario has taken important steps by banning evictions and enacting legislation to protect the jobs of workers who need to stay home because of COVID-19. But it is not enough. For most people, not working means not earning sufficient income needed to pay for the necessities of life.

Shelter represents the single biggest line item in most household budgets. In recognition of these facts, the federal government has announced measures to defer the payment of mortgages for homeowners. We need a similarly comprehensive approach to help renters through these unprecedented times.

That is why we are calling on Doug Ford, premier of Ontario, and Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to support public health and protect those who are the most vulnerable in the face of this crisis, by enacting legislation waiving the payment of rent on April 1st for all residential tenants in Ontario.

Sincerely,
YOUR NAME

This is for the feds. I highly personalized it, but take what you will. It's changed over time because this originated as a letter from artists and gig workers and now is expanding a bit. But use it.

Call PM Justin Trudeau: 613-992-4211

You can find your MP's phone number & email address here:

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/members/>

Please send it to your MP and cc these people:

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March 23, 2020

Hello my name is ___ and I live _____

I'm **calling/writing** to ask that the federal government waive rent for April. Tomorrow parliament does a limited recall to pass the relief bill. That bill should include relief for renters. The government has already directed banks to suspend mortgage payments for six months. Most renters are living month to month as it is, and we can not afford to incur debt. In addition to waiving rent, I ask that you suspend all utility bills as well as introduce UBI – Universal Basic Income for all people, regardless of their immigration or previous work status.

Many of the ei provisions made for those who can't work anymore due to covid-19 won't cover our rent as it is. Moreover, most people in the gig economy can't access ei easily. Many people do not qualify for employment insurance or canada revenue agency managed programs including homeless and undocumented people, migrant workers, unemployed, temporary and precarious workers, disabled people, cash work and more. Times are deeply uncertain, but what we do know is that even if our payments are deferred, in six months from now the majority of renters will not be able to afford to pay our back rent. We have watched the airline industry and the oil industry get bailed out. Certainly you can make provisions for both tenants and landlords.

As an emergency measure Universal Basic Income for all of us would be a good solution, along with guaranteed Universal Basic Services – this includes health care and housing for all. If anything has been clarified by this crisis is how deeply interdependent we are.

Thank you,

YOUR NAME

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