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Subject: Support legalizing housing across Ontario

Dear [MPP name],

I write to you today to express my support for and ask that you support creating and adopting legislation that implements the recommendations of the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force.

The task force recommends a necessary wholesale reform of planning in Ontario: legalizing four units and four storeys on every plot in Ontario, legalizing mid-rise housing on frequent transit routes, and stopping municipal abuse of design guidelines and heritage designations. While the housing crisis will not be solved overnight, the task force recommendations are a necessary start to ending the housing crisis and I urge you to support these recommendations.

As you know both rent and home purchase prices are rapidly growing beyond the reach of regular people in Ontario. Building more homes is necessary to address these escalating prices, while giving prospective buyers and renters more choices in the housing market, as well as more leverage against bad landlords and other exploitative actors. Building more homes would also create more opportunities for well paying jobs in construction.

Ontario municipalities have failed to do the right things on housing, even the easy wins, whenever they're given the chance. Just look at Toronto's failure to legalize multi-tenant housing. Every single municipality in the province has the power to end exclusionary zoning in their jurisdiction and not a single one has. Mayors and municipalities will not end the housing crisis. Given the chance, they will only make it worse.

Most of the recommendations would help the development of affordable housing as well, since affordable housing providers are impacted even more by exclusionary zoning and planning rules that constrain their ability to build housing. I invite you to read this article (<https://www.tvo.org/article/wheres-the-democracy-in-a-system-that-lets-homeowners-deny-housing-to-others>) by Justin Marchand, CEO of Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services and Ene Underwood, CEO of Habitat for Humanity GTA, for more information on how the recommendations in the task force report would help not-for-profit affordable housing providers.

Please speak with your colleagues about drafting and passing legislation to implement these recommendations before the election comes. The need is great. We need to be bold. Ontario simply cannot afford to wait.

Sincerely,

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