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**ACORN Canada's submission to the  
*Increasing Housing Supply in Ontario Consultation***

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## **ACORN leaders welcome the opportunity to participate in the provincial government's Increasing Housing Supply consultation.**

ACORN Canada (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) is an independent national organization of low and moderate income families. We have over 130,000 members organized into twenty four neighbourhood chapters in nine cities across Canada. We believe that social and economic justice can best be achieved with a national active membership who are invested in their organization and focused on building power for change.

As an organization of low and moderate income people, the issue of housing affordability is a priority concern for our members. Specifically, our members are concerned about the desperate need for deeply affordable rental housing that is affordable in the long term. Almost half of Ontario renters live in unaffordable housing. Yet since 1990, less than 9 per cent of new developments in the province have been rental housing. Urgent action is required to address this housing crisis, we call upon the provincial government to take leadership to create real affordable housing options.

When considering the top criteria for looking for a home, price or rent is of the highest importance: Ontario needs more affordable housing. Efforts to increase Ontario's housing supply must include plans to create more affordable rental housing. This will not be achieved by deregulating the planning process and eroding tenant protections. A more streamlined and cost-effective approach to the development process is required to encourage more affordable housing options. The provincial government should also honour the National Housing Strategy bilateral agreement signed by the formal provincial government.

Our responses to the consultation questions are provided below.

### **Speed - How can we streamline development approval processes, while balancing competing interests and the broader public interest?**

Instead of cutting regulations, the government should ensure there are clear rules for developers to follow and ensure provincial and municipal departments involved in the development approval process are well resourced to help speed up development. In addition, investment in a good community approval process would help streamline the approval process and increase community support for development.

The Province should support municipal affordable housing projects to help encourage and expedite affordable housing development. Non-profit housing providers will be able to invest money back into ensuring housing remains affordable. Therefore, support for non-profit development will help ensure housing remains affordable in the long-term.

**Mix - How can we make the planning and development system more effective to build the kind of housing people want, and can afford, in the right places with the right supports (e.g., schools, transit and other amenities, etc.)? How can we bring new types of housing to existing neighbourhoods while maintaining the qualities that**

**make these communities desirable places to live? How can we balance the need for more housing with the need for employment and industrial lands?**

Rather than cutting regulations, the government should aim to use regulations effectively to reduce the cost of land by restricting what can be built there. Affordable housing should be mandated through planning tools like inclusionary zoning, which has been proven to help to reduce land values and ensure there the right mix of housing in our communities. Municipalities should have the power to design solutions and by-laws that meet local needs.

There should also be a commitment to intensification and putting new homes where services and supports are already located, as well as public investment to help ensure what is built has the needed services. The province can provide direction to support gentle densification in residential areas that are currently zoned for single-family homes. By encouraging development of affordable housing within existing urban boundaries where services already exist, the cost of providing public services can be reduced.

The use of affordable housing programs to fund investor-owned rental housing that is only affordable in the short-term has been criticized by Ontario's Auditor General. This must be addressed. Public funds and public land should be used to create long-term, deeply affordable housing.

**Cost - How can we lower the cost of developing new housing while ensuring that funds are available for growth-related infrastructure (e.g., water and sewer systems, fire and police services, schools, roads, and transit)?**

By focusing on complete communities with diverse housing options, rather than inefficient sprawl development, costs can be reduced for municipalities. Instead of cutting developer charges for for-profit developers, which pay for vital services such as water and sewage, the government should focus on reducing the cost of land, supporting non-profit development, and encouraging the creation of deeply affordable housing.

These goals can be realized by restricting what can be built and taxing activities that contribute to high land costs. Tackling land speculation will help to lower land prices and the cost of development. Ontario previously had a land tax, which succeeded in decreasing speculation and reducing the increase in house prices. Toronto house prices increased by 62 per cent from 1972 to 1974, as a result of the land tax the increase from 1974 to 1976 reduced to 16 per cent.

The government should also mandate that all new development includes affordable housing and ensure public land stays public by leasing to developers rather than selling. We encourage partnerships with, and funding for, non-profit development which can housing stays affordable.

**Rent - How can we make the current system work better for landlords? What additional protections should be provided for tenants? How do we encourage**

## **homeowners to create legal second units and new rental supply?**

To tackle the affordable housing crisis faced by Ontario tenants, the province must fund more deeply affordable housing and increase tenant protections. Currently, the lack of affordable housing allows bad landlords to take advantage of tenants. Protections such as vacancy control are required to prevent landlords from unfairly evicting tenants so they can raise rents. The government must protect the existing supply of rental housing, by ensuring tenants are protected against renovations and demovictions, so that landlords cannot evict tenants in order to maximize profits. Enforcing other tenant protections and ensuring everyone plays by the rules will benefit tenants and landlords. By supporting tenants, we can ensure they will be able to sustain their homes and tenancies, which is benefit both the tenant and landlord.

The biggest issue facing low and moderate income tenants is the lack of affordable rental housing. However, companies like Airbnb are removing thousands of units from the rental market. In Toronto alone, the number of rental units (mostly secondary units) lost to the the long-term rental market through Airbnb is estimated at 6,500 units. The Province should work with municipalities to ensure there is adequate regulation of short-term rental hosts, and seek to return a percentage of these units to the long-term rental market.

The Province should encourage and incent municipalities to comply with the provincial growth plan and allow secondary suites, and should support homeowners to navigate the process of adding second suites to their home.

Tenants unions and community organizations should be funded to ensure they can support tenants to understand their rights and responsibilities. These organizations help tenants to navigate issues with their tenancy and act as an important bridge between landlords and tenants.

**Innovation - How do we encourage innovation in the building industry while maintaining high standards of safety and efficiency? Are there any innovative forms of homeownership (e.g. shared ownership or rent-to-own models) that you feel could help make housing more attainable? Do you have any creative idea to make better use of existing homes, building and neighbourhoods to increase the supply of housing? What other creative solutions could help increase the supply of housing? What type of protections would help new homebuyers?**

The Province must consider new innovative forms of affordable housing to ensure Ontarians have the kind of housing they need and can afford. Non-market solutions are required for low and moderate income tenants, as they cannot afford the rents provided by the private market. For example:

- Social housing
- Co-op housing
- Community land trusts models

## Tenant Experiences of Renting in Ontario

We asked ACORN members to tell us about their experiences of renting in Ontario. Hundreds of people responded, and their responses paint a very bleak picture of the reality of being a tenant in this province. Tenants are forced into substandard living conditions because they simply cannot afford to live elsewhere. Many tenants spend much more than 30 per cent of their income on rent, and the lucky few that can afford their current living situation are terrified that their rents will be increased. The majority of these responses support the need for stronger tenant protections. Low and moderate income people want to live and thrive in Ontario; the erosion of tenant protections will not allow them to do so.

Rebekah	Toronto	I currently live in a one bedroom apartment with my 3 year old son. When I moved in rent was \$850 and I'm now paying \$965 after 4 years. A 2 bedroom 4years ago in this building was \$1200 now they are asking for \$1650 and a 3 bedroom is \$2100. If I move out of this one bedroom the rent for a new tenant will be \$1200. I can't afford to move to a 2 bedroom and can't afford to move into a 1 bedroom if I decide to leave this building. A rule of thumb is that rent should be 30% of your income. To afford \$1650 a month you have to be making \$66000 a year after taxes. The average single income is just over \$30 000 In Ontario. How does this make sense to you?
Tom	Hamilton	My housing costs are more than half my income. Unsustainable. Social housing is needed now.
Sue	Oakville	Having rented my apartment for 14+ years, I now depend completely on rent controls. I'm a senior and could not possibly qualify for a similar place if I had to move.
Elske	Burlington	Currently co-housing situation. My complex is being demolished by the owners to replace with condos, townhouses and apt. As part of the consultations it is clear that affordable housing is not part of the plans. A number of us will be displaced.
Michael	East York	Impossible to get off Ontario works, unforgiving and painful, depression, low quality of life and lack of food.
Suk	Hamilton	Day by day it's getting different to renting in Ontario, Hamilton difficult to finding affordable appartement!
Karen	London	People need affordable housing, it should be a human right. Please make housing more affordable for the most vulnerable in our society.

E	Toronto	My elderly parents live below the poverty line and they live away from family members because they can't afford to live in the city core. They're aging and I'm struggling to find solutions.
Terry	Scarborough	I had a poor experiences, I lived into an apartment, they doesnt maintain it, since, I had been here November 1, 2017. They illegal enter my apartment, they doesnt care about me, only my money; by law it's wrong. The reason why I stay, it's because I am monitored.
Donald	Hamilton	The waiting lists for affordable housing are huge, and market rent here in Hamilton is totally unaffordable
Waseem	Hamilton	A family with minimum wages can't afford any house
Shahzad	Mississauga	It has become unrealistic. Looking the southern border, cheap houses and jobs. But we have low wages and expensive housing. Pls fix it
Ivana	Toronto	The rental market in Toronto is cut throat and almost impossible to afford for the average person much less low income. I'm 55 years old and I am scared I'll be homeless after working and paying taxes for 40 years into my country. It's disgraceful. Landlords are charging a fortune for illegal units or for shoeboxes. This is not the Canada I love.
Terry	Scarborough	I am paying \$750 monthly, my wireless and cable is not included, they doesnt maintain the apartment, they wanted to raise the rent, I told them, I will leave, if they raised it.
Patricia	North York	As a Senior with rent, hydro and gas to pay there is very little left for food, Dental and vision care, including the other things that are needed. Renting this basement Apartment the since 2015 and seeing the increases why cannot have housing supplied by the Government?
David	St. Catharines	I am a renter and want fair rent . People poorer than I are not able to afford rent prices.

Mary	North york	Their are more units being rented out as multy tenants because the rents are too high. The common areas of the building are disgusting because people are bringing used, discarded furniture and spreading bugs. If there were more bachelor, single and two bedroom units available for those in low and middle income then people wouldn't be forced to live in these pathetic conditions. Stop building condos and build with low income, new immigrants etc. So they can afford rents with their minimum wages. People need to stop choosing between rent, groceries and respect.
biju	Toronto	How can a family survive when their 60 percent of income goes in rent and on top of that landlords are increasing rent like crazy.
Aurangzaib	NORTH YORK	Getting rented apartment is very difficult in Toronto.
Alex	Toronto	LANDLORDS GOUGE RENTERS. HELP THE PEOPLE OF THIS PROVINCE!
Ken	Toronto	I am seeing more and more homeless people, and this is before Doug Ford really gets started.
Hala	Toronto	Because I pay around one thousand dollars a month rent for one bedroom and I'm on ODSP I had to file for bankruptcy as I went into a deep debt. yet no solution so far...
Andrena	Toronto	When i came here 10 year ago 2 bedroom was 700\$ now days its went up 1600 .I don't understand why if you in an apartment every .Year they increase the rent why thats crazyy
Kathleen	Toronto	My daughter is on ODSP. Finding respectable affordable housing is impossible in Toronto. I live with deadly fear what will happen to her after I am gone. That she and others like her, and even the healthy who can work require safe, well designed, well situated, well cited for and affordable housing. It feels like the 1% are the only ones who can afford Toronto. That includes heat, light and air conditioning. It will be our downfall if we don't do this. Using present housing and reducing that rent by a significant percentage is the only fast and effective way to have enough units. Our view is far too limited...use what we have, build new, create incentives to convert and

to build....for those that can work and get paid such low income cannot afford to live here...then who will do those jobs? Not just hotel, retail and cleaning workers, but nurses, teachers and librarians...think about the mess we have created where young people will never own a house, never have that dream. It's already over. And then there are the poor, the unemployed and the disabled.....and this provincial government targets them. There will be a price.....now & later.....

jaime	north york	Renting in Toronto is becoming increasingly expensive making the situations of individuals like me on a fixed income problematic. It is very hard to find a place that is affordable. As someone who has been forced to move many times I feel that government has to do more with regard to the provision of new affordable housing as well as implementing regulations which protect tenants from rising rents and greedy landlords. For example, many landlords discriminate and ask for deposits above and beyond first and last months rent. We also need to make sure that existing regulations are enforced effectively and fairly. Thank you.
April	Toronto	I am a single mother who is so grateful for affordable housing but we still need more .
Murray	Toronto	Hi Toronto needs more rent control because I was in a 3 bedroom at 3121 Eglinton and how to spend over a 10000 dollars because of bugs and this happens way too often and is not right for good people to over spend on housing And give buildings a cap so this doesnt happen anymore please think of your people before your City
Rebekah	Toronto	I currently live in a one bedroom apartment with my 3 year old son. When I moved in rent was \$850 and I'm now paying \$965 after 4 years. A 2 bedroom 4years ago in this building was \$1200 now they are asking for \$1650 and a 3 bedroom is \$2100. If I move out of this one bedroom the rent for a new tenant will be \$1200. I can't afford to move to a 2 bedroom and can't afford to move into a 1 bedroom if I decide to leave this building. A rule of thumb is that rent should be 30% of your income. To afford \$1650 a month you have to be making \$66000 a year after taxes. The average single income is just over \$30 000 In Ontario. How does this make sense to you?



Kristina	Ancaster	<p>Affordable housing is a major issue in our province, affecting thousands of families, single citizens and seniors.</p> <p>The facts are well researched and the need for immediate action is very clear.</p> <p>Our citizens demand that all levels of government come together and recognize their responsibility to act on this crucial file.</p> <p>Nobody deserves to be without decent shelter, We insist that a fair rent can be negotiated by all parties in this country of Canada. Decent housing is a basic human right and it must be respected.</p>
Isagani	Toronto	<p>Affordable Housing is in GREAT DEMANDS right now for tenants who are below poverty line and needs to support their family.</p>
Melvin	Toronto	<p>In recent years the rents have been increased for new tenants far above the maximum permissible by City of Toronto. Moreover they have to pay for hydro separately. I am greatly afraid to move out of our old building and our adult children have to face unaffordable rents which cannot be met by earnings. Greedy landlords are openly flouting the rental amounts that can be charged laid down by City of Toronto and CMHC guidelines. If this goes unchecked and uncontrolled people will soon be forced to living on streets.</p>
Ryan	Toronto	<p>Landlords should not be able to raise rents more than inflation.</p>
Maria Sherry	Scarborough	<p>My rent is 900 and my ODSP benefit is 1050 how can i get out of poverty life. Not even enough for my farw and food and other needs.</p>
Dr. Honora	Toronto	<p>I rent in Toronto, and, as a pensioner of moderate income, my rent raised 250% "legally", by going to the LTB. Since I support an adult dependant daughter on odsp, my rent is eating up my pension. Since all my doctor's are here I hate to go out of the city. But it's not better out in the burbs,..price wise.</p>
Manisha	Scarborough	<p>Everyone wants to live in their own home but the houses are so old and expensive that we can't afford it so please do something about it please.</p>

Areharan(Harry)	Toronto	I'm renting a bachelor for \$1125. I have a hard time with the non increase in minimum wage which was supposed to kick in January 1, 2019. Ford says he is for the people. Then bring in rent control and increase the minimum wage, which is what majority of Ontarians want.
YVETTE	toronto	I LIVING IN A MOLD FILLED APT BUT IS STUCK CANNOT AFFORD ANYMORE MORE FOR RENT. WAITING LIST IS OVER 5 YEARS FOR HOUSING
David	Toronto	The landloard has tried several times to get me evicted, but has back off.
R.	Hamilton	<p>Rent Control was finally implemented by the Wynne government in response to out-of-reach and out-of-control rents. The theory had been that Rent Control would discourage developers from building more affordable housing. So rents were allowed to run wild. The theory proved to be completely incorrect. Because there were no rent controls, developers ran up the price of land and built expensive condos that were (and still are) out of reach of the low and middle income earners - the people who need housing the most. The application of Rent Control was in response to the outrageous money-seeking actions of greedy developers. It's purpose was to ensure that rents were kept affordable to the low and middle income earners.</p>

Now Doug Ford has deleted Rent Control again. A lack of Rent Control didn't work to build more affordable housing before; it won't work this time either. You will find very little altruism in the housing market. Land Owners want to make as much money as they can, so they will encourage bidding wars and rive up the price of land. Developers want to make as much money as they can, so they will use the cheapest materials for their condo projects (there's no money to be made from multi-family apartment buildings), and sell, again, to the highest bidder.

This sets up an environment rife with poorly-made buildings, an un-housed struggling low and middle income class, and drives inflation ever higher. Don't say it won't happen that way; it just did. Those who forget history are doomed to repeat it. And anyone who says they forget the housing history of just the last 20 years is either lying or a fool.

The Wynne government's return of Rent Control didn't have enough time to have effect before the Ford government's removal of it. The result of a lack of Rent Control can be seen as the ever-increasing number of homeless, poorly housed, and dangerously housed. It can be seen in the rise of tent cities. It can be seen in the number of people being held hostage by secure and greedy landlords who refuse to take any responsibility for the properties they own. It can be seen in the number of people walking in the streets to beg. It looks like the Great Depression, out there, and removing Rent Control will make it run deeper, wider, until the economy is ruined and the high-income, well-housed are not just the tiny minority that they are today, but also the only ones who can afford housing.

Kate Toronto I can't find an accessible apartment or condo anywhere. Please make it a requirement that all new housing be accessible - and affordable.

Dee Toronto Power...it's not about if the laws are stacked in favor of tenants.  
It's a matter of the( LT board of Shame) being 100% prejudice ...so called judges lunching with corporate building manager's lawyers.  
And that's even if your forced to defend your spotless tenancy against their Ruthless quest to criminalize you standing up for your HUMAN RIGHTS. The city's Human Rights Board is useless also.... Apparently you have to QUALIFY your disability before you "may" get them to stop the Slaughtering of your Human Dignity at the LT board of " Shamboozales".  
They don't even swear in Building managers so when recorded proof proves them LYING...they aren't purgering themselves.  
I could do go on.  
You see after my years of recent experience literally ill from it.  
I can tell you.....none of this bandage approach will EVER work.  
This Toronto is now owned by Mafia or its Mentality.  
Toronto has died like my love for it and being one of its great citizens.  
It's shameful...painful & beyond.  
It's only the beginning of a nation wide problem as im

forced to see.

There is a solution...just like one that ends world hunger...it does exist, but...& I'm no activist when I say... It would now take a major event to turn the tide of inhuman political deviance & greed.

It plagues good common folk....it's holding us ransom...inprisoning us and our health frankly.

Homes under attack do little for mental health or sense of safety.

It's a form of inbred terrorism to pull your home out from attainability or sustainability.

It's what Canada claims to offer new immigrants yet my suffering goes dismissed...unheard.

Middle class haven't access to supports that assist lower class. Even they are in jeopardy but when we force middle class into duress your essentially removing your 'Half backs'(sport reference) they are key to any winning team.

I know I played and represented This country that doesn't give a shit if I live period.

Jacquelyn	Toronto	When I first moved out on my own, I could barely afford the 400sqft bachelor I was renting. It was so hard to make ends meet that I ended up having to leave and find a roommate. I'm now married with a young son, and even with two incomes, the addition of the cost of daycare when I return from my maternity leave makes it so we will once again be barely scraping by. Having our rent increased is not an option for us.
Rajeev	Scarborough	A single earning families cannot live in these locality. I dont understand why so much raise I dont get this much salary hike.so i will really need to understand how government is planning to build or maintain a healthy family lives here.
Jill	North York	Getting Maintenance repairs done. are difficult. Keeping rent down & affordable. Cost of living that is affordable.
Melanie	Toronto	As my rent climbs and climbs each year, I keep an eye on rental listings because there may come a day that I can't afford to keep my one bedroom apartment, even with a good, permanent, full time, professional position. But 1 bedroom apartments that are more affordable than mine are so far away that the difference is made up in commuting costs. This trend is unsustainable and letting developers pave over the green belt to gamble on land values will not solve anything.

Jackie	Toronto	The lack of rent control gives the landlord - way too much power.
josie	Toronto	Please reinstate rent controls and look at building more affordable housing.
Mohammed	Toronto	I suggest government to give some financial help to families who are waiting on social housing. It is becoming difficult to meet the ends the rent is eating more than 60% of the income. High rents are pushing families like mine towards poverty. Child benefits are diverted to pay rents leading to child poverty in Toronto.
natasha	scarborough	hi I'm a mom of 3 living in a 2 bedroom in community housing. If it's not bad enough I have to live here because I cant afford to live any where else. I cant even get a transfer to a bigger unit. I been waiting over 3 years for a transfer I've applied to other areas like durham Richmond hill and I'm still waiting.. I'm on disability and I cant afford to live in a normal building much less a basement apartment. my kids are getting older. I have my two girls in one room and my son sharing a room with me. we have no room for anything. it's not far we have to live like animals. I'm sure you people can careless living in your nice big houses where your children have nice big rooms they're own privacy , space to move around. I'm so disappointed in toronto. Toronto suppose to be the best city to live in. its alie
Maize	North York	I am spending most of my pension on rent
Gaye-France s	Toronto	As an Ontario resident who is fortunate to be a homeowner, I have watched, as my grown children and their whole generation not only will never be able to own their own home, but have no housing security as rents rise and housing supply is not keeping up with demand. The theory that the private sector will provide needed housing is obviously a tragic failure. Government must intervene to create affordable housing supply, and must act decisively and speedily, to address the needs fo low and moderate income Ontarians.
Megan	Toronto	Everyone has a right to safe, affordable housing, but this is ni longer a possibility in Toronto. Since the Ontario government has no concerns about human rights, I will point out that supporters outisde of Toronto will be awfully

angry when people fleeing Toronto due to lack of housing, driving up rents wherever they end up, the conservatives will lose even more support than they already have...even undereducated white males will eventually catch on, and it's all downhill for the current government from there.

Sihin	TORONTO	We need affordable rent. We could not afford the rent.
Andrea	Toronto	I'm a single mom on a fixed income and renting is just so unaffordable now in Toronto. After facing family disruption I don't want to threaten my child's stability by having to leave our apartment, neighbourhood, school, friends, community etc but living here is so very unaffordable. Why don't we get to have stability and security of housing????
S A A Mazeed	Scarborough	IT IS REALLY TOUGH TO LIVE IN TORONTO FOR LAST FEW YEARS. THE RENT IS SKY HIGH. OUR LIVING STANDARDS ARE GOING DOWN TO COMPENSATE FOR THE EXTRA COST FOR RENTING. GOVERNMENT MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
Hendrik	Toronto	Can't afford a mortgage in Toronto, hence I am renting. With rental prices skyrocketing, not sure where we can afford to live... really need to see Ontario create and maintain more affordable housing.
Fran	M1E3E3	I'm on Government CPP and OAP. Every year my rent goes up \$15 to \$20. The pensions do not. I soon wont be able to afford to move and to pay my rent I wont be able to pay bills and eat. I cant afford to buy clothing now. My building has had five new owners in 12 years and each one has gone for an AGI which is stuck onto the older tenants. I've lived here for 42 years. Rent needs to be brought into control, soon, and pensions need to be raised to meet to soaring rents now being inflicted on tenants.
Allistair	Toronto	In brief, it would be near impossible for me to move as there's no limit to how much a landlord can increase the rental rate for a vacant unit. This is how over time it becomes impossible to find descent affordable housing.
Sieru	Toronto	Today, I saw a two bedroom apartment for rent for \$4500! That is insane! People are looking forna rent in the range of \$600 becuase that is all they can afford. How do we live in the city when the rent for a 2br costs the same mortgage for a million dollar house! My current apartment, which I

rented in 2012 for \$1200 is now renting for \$2400 to new tenants! That is a 100% increase the same space and facilities! The government has to stop this madness since no one else will.

Laretta	Toronto	My Rent goes up every year in May, then later in the year the Management applies for another increase. They go to court and they always win, so the Rent is increase again. We really need affordable housing.
Rea	Toronto	Born in Canada 7th generation afro indigenous Canadian and I can't even afford to own a house and barely rent in downtown Toronto where as noticeable groups of individuals have been buying property and jacking prices and it's sad and depressing that the natives cannot afford to live in...
Venkata srinivasarao	Toronto	70% of the income is going towards the rent. Unable to live comfortably Even though both of us work much is going towards rent. Rental rates increasing constantly against the rental act. No control over the landlord irresponsible behaviour. Not making necessary repairs to live in the apartment.
Abdullah-Ba quie	Toronto	Ontario government should build more house and provide as rent to own program at a minimum affordable rent rate.
Ferozuddin	York West	We need more affordable housing. For low income families. We are suffering in Ontario. When we take correct decision in the country, every one will be benefited. Its time to take correct decision ....No more delay.
teresa	toronto	As a senior in Ont. I find affordable Housing to be in disicable state of affairs, esp in Toronto where live!. We need more affordable units built , and not be subject to Premier Ford's open hand policy of allowing new units to have unregulated rent control. You broke your promise Mr. Ford, and are not for the people. Affordable Housing is a right for everyone.
Janice	Sharbot Lake	I do not rent anymore so this is not a problem for me. However my children are struggling to live on what is leftover after they pay rent. This is particularly true for my single daughter living in Toronto. She needs to be extremely frugal to pay her rent and expenses. This is in spite of the fact that she has a good job with a fairly good

salary.

Heather	Scarborough	The rent in this city is absolutely insane. I'm a full time single working mother. I am a Nurse, and the rent is so high that over 70% of what I make in a month goes on rent. We cannot afford to live, or do extras with my son..like go to the movies. I am looking at moving to a whole new province to live, somewhere I can afford the rent so that I will be able to start saving for retirement, and maybe take my disabled son out for some fun
Mirela	Toronto	I have been living in the same building for almost 20 years. The rent got up and up and up. I don't know when is going to stop. I feel that the building that I am living I build with my money. Once in some years landlord fix things a lot of noises dust the most important thing is that no cleaners around and Superintendent with his wife clean only the main floor. People that can't handle this having turns and clean around. Please help us . Thank you.
Laura	Mississauga	Rent is to much for mom's or anyone on odsp close to 2000 is alot
Yvonne	Pickering	Every year the rent increased while my pay cheque didn't and so often times I had to chose between which utility bill I delay paying in order to decide whether I pay my rent early or not. I was constantly embarrassed by my landlord who always seemed to have the late/ eviction warning notice under my door by the 5th day of not receiving my rent.
Cheryl	Toronto	<p>Our family lived in Toronto City housing for several years. It provided us with a safe, clean, subsidized housing at a time when we could not afford market value rentals. We have never forgotten how that opportunity gave us stability and shelter from which we could thrive and strive.</p> <p>Affordable housing is a human right and is an indicator of whether or not a society is actually a civil, inclusive, just society and we won't permit the 'profit over people' syndrome to rule.</p>
Rosa	Hamilton	I have watched as my apartment has been bought by developers from Toronto and pushed out old tenants who have been living there for 20+ years. I have been given 3 illegal eviction notices, and will likely also be displaced as well. Rents in Hamilton, as in all of Ontario, have been



skyrocketing. We need more affordable housing and social housing, and we need it soon. We also need rent control on vacant units to stop the profitability of displacing tenants.

Heather  
HOLLAND  
LANDING

We need more affordable housing in York Region so everyone has a safe and secure place to live.

Mahroo  
Toronto

To whom it may co concern

I am a 66 years old lady with health problems. My income is just my old age pension. I am paying \$1091.60 rent for my one bedroom apartment. I applied for housing about 14 years ago, nothing happened, I asked housing to subsidies my apartment, they said they can't do that. So please think how hard is living for me, and all we need to survive getting more expensive. My Tooth is in pain and I have to see a dentist but I don't have money. So please think and do something to solve this problem for me and people like me. Actually we need more and more affordable housing.

Regards  
Mahroo

Sujata  
Toronto

We are have been living in the Toronto for past 8 years. We have seen the rising cost of rent in Toronto. Currently rent is at unaffordable for low income families. Our family of four live in one bedroom cramped apartment. This has been the case of many student families like us. I hope ontario government take appropriate action in timely manner to support low income families through affordable housing act.

Jenifer  
Toronto

I am a low income renter who lives in insecure housing. I cannot afford to move but my landlord makes up to three times what I pay in rent on the other units in my building. He has no incentive to keep renting to me.

If I lose my apartment, I will be homeless. I am only one of many, many people in the same situation.

Renters in Ontario need more protection, not less.

Lisa	North York	<p>My husband works in a factory with no benefits . I went to the dentist it cost \$800.00 plus for xrays and a cleaning. My prescriptions are more ,than his. We are both born in Toronto over 50 yrs ago, why am I still not finding a clean affordable apt , Now I have some other factors affecting the way I need specialty items ie,safety grab bars for a bath no benefits no help from government because we both put in at least 30 yrs work in our country, Yet we were both turned down for CPP and ODSP.</p> <p>I don't have the energy to fight for what should have been our right to recieve with medicals, Yet drug addicts in this city get free methedone drug cards a check every month, Yet I get to listen to the exit doors in my building swinging open, closed all night to the drugs going up and down my hallway. I need to have our forever home with out the smell of POT and Crack woofing in my vents.We feel we don't belong , Ashamed to say I am a Canadian. I just want my forever home without worrying about being homeless, or More so in danger due to the violence in the area we are stuck in.We have market value rent , Heat is included but we freeze all winter and suffocate in the summer.</p> <p>Get off your leslie-ville and condo owning asses and help the real 3rd and 4th generation torontoians ! I see a woman at jane and wilson with a sign stating she is a refugee and she needs money to feed her family, OK , they get\$1600.00 and more a month , And they get a hotel room, Please.You do the math.</p>
Simon	North York	<p>It's ridiculous! I've been homeless because I just couldn't afford to pay my rent anymore. Now I live in a RGI apartment but I know first hand what it's like with the housing issues in this city. It's nuts</p>
michelle	North York	<p>Co-op housing waiting list. Homeless record breaking!</p>
Zeesy	Toronto	<p>Removing tenant protections, particularly by allowing economic evictions where unlimited rent increases can be imposed on residents, impacts families first. It does nothing to increase housing stock, while at the same time exacerbating an already out of control housing market. Finally, it encourages over-crowding in units as tenants struggle to pay the rent. This problem ultimately impacts landlords in terms of high tenant turnover, and significantly increased utilities and maintenance costs.</p>

		There are excellent solutions to the housing crisis in Ontario's cities. Removing tenant protections are not part of that.
Tina	Toronto	The only reason I can afford rent is that I'm in a rent controlled building. I have a permanent, full-time job and am barely keeping up with my bills after rent. I live in terror of losing rent control, now that I know Ford has lied about his intentions (about this and other things).
Valerie	Brampton	I live in a basement and the noise above can be unbearable. With only a job that pays me only \$735.00 per fortnight after tax, I cannot move from this \$900.00 rent. The other rental options are frightening.
Victoria	Coe Hill	The rent in our area is already unacceptable! It is already too high for working people to afford let alone someone on assistance. How is it ok for landlord to raise the rent overnight for tenants that are already having trouble making ends meet. This is just going to make more and more people homeless, I will become homeless if my landlord raises the rent. We need MORE AFFORDABLE housing especially for those on assistance. The price of rent has risen, and social assistance has stayed the same for 20 years. How does this make sense? We need more developers that care about the welfare of the citizens of the province and not filling their own pockets while the rest of us suffer.
Brian	Brockville	Rents are raised each year, while there are fewer places available for renters.
Brenda	Bancroft	I know of a family of five living in a 2 BDRM. The mother and daughter sleep in the same bed. The father and oldest son sleep in the living room and the youngest who is fifteen sleeps in the second bedroom. The condition of the building should be condemned. They are on a ten year waiting list for affordable housing. This is no way for a family to be living! This situation is causing mental and physical health problems. So on top of not having proper housing it also causes problems in the health care system. Waiting for ten years for affordable housing is inexcusable!

Jann	Toronto	I am a senior who is still working because I can not afford to pay rent. The combination of OAS and CPP monthly payments are less than I make in one biweekly pay cheque. With so many living in drop ins sleeping on chairs or on the floor and shelters at capacity it is critical to have safe affordable, transitional and supportive housing.
Robert	Toronto	My landlord tried to evict my family on a contrived pretext. His aim was to get a large increase in the rent to reflect the increase in the value of the property in the latest nutty runup. The attempt failed but shows what could happen without laws protecting tenants' rights.
Patricia	Etobicoke	Eliminating homelessness would Canada on the map above for its ability by putting PEOPLE ABOVE CORPORATE PROFIT The government needs a history lesson as to why it was form to help those with less NOT THOSE WITH MORE . Even if the min.wage was to be raised to 20\$ it still would not be enough to pay rent and have money left over to live and not just to survive.
Lucy	Kitchener	If housing should take up only between 25%-30% of income, then either rents need to be controlled or incomes and welfare subsidies need to be increased. Otherwise, we as a society are running full tilt at a cliff, the bottom of which we cannot see, but the consequences of which are devastating.  The government needs to act now. Too many lives have been ruined by the housing crisis already. We, as a society, cannot afford any more of this status quo.
Jose	Toronto	I'm an individual who just crossed the doors of retirement. Putting together my old pension and Canada Pension Plan incomes, I barely can afford to pay my rent. For that reason, I have been looking for a one bedroom apartment to move out from the 2 bedroom apartment I currently have, but in ALL areas where I have looked for, 1-bedroom apartment rentals are now HIGHER than the rent I pay for my 2-bedroom apartment. This is absolutely ridiculous. It looks like the new Ontario Government 's telling seniors and families with low incomes to get out of Toronto, as if we were the used pieces of an old machinery which has become useless and obsolete and, consequently, in the minds of Conservative politicians and property owners, undesirable and undeserving of continue

living in Toronto, this beautiful city which I learned to love and enjoyed for over 30 years.

Penny

Toronto

I am low income, self employed and have rented in Toronto for the past 22 years. My rent still takes well over half my income. Sometimes it has been taking more than my monthly income, at various points in the past two decades. I have always worked. I have never been on government assistance. Now I live on the basic government pensions. I have less than \$600.00 per month left after paying rent and metropass. I have no internet connection in my home and my daughter pays for my phone. I delay seeing a dentist. I need some alternative health support for my aging body, but always hesitate to spend money on health care, which most of my friends take for granted. I do without internet connection in my apartment. I hesitate to report any repairs pending in my apartment, for fear the rent will be increased. I consider myself lucky to have found a landlord/landlady who allows pets. My two cats enrich my life, but many apartment owners forbid pets. I have no air conditioning. The hot weather is extremely difficult. I worry about my next move to another apartment, when the time comes. I have moved seven times since 1996. Landlords have tried to blame me, the tenant, for some of the problems in their units. I have excellent character references for work and from one previous landlord. All the rest of my rental history here in Toronto has been weighted strongly, and unfairly in favour of property owners. People trying to rent reasonably priced apartments should not even attempt to live in Toronto any more! People challenged with poor health and perhaps only working part time, will find it virtually impossible to live in Toronto. This speaks very badly for the social fabric of our city. We have become a city which functions for the wealthy and the greedy. We have come to believe that only those with money should make all the decisions.

Karl

Hamilton

I was AGI'd (Above Guideline Increase) out of my apartment home of 30 years in Scarborough. Looks like a repeat of the same tune is now happening here in Hamilton.  
Affordable housing and Above Guideline Wage Increases are needed right now for the average Ontario citizen.

Sharon	Mississauga	To be affordable, housing must never take up more than 30 - 30 per cent of a person's income or 25% of a family's income. Doug Ford needs to respect the need for a minimum wage to be no less than \$15.00/hr and rent controls should be in effect at all times. Rent increases should NEVER go above the cost of living increase. Above rent guidelines need to be ABOLISHED and the property owner must have a proven plan of setting aside enough in rental incomes to care for any repairs (major or otherwise) to a building and the property it sits on (as any other sensible property owner of any kind of real estate would do) - set a guideline for contingency funds that property owners will have to adhere to.
dolor	toronto	Government should allow and provide incentives for for constructors to build rental apartment building and not just condos that are affordable to a limited category of people. I wonder where our kids will leave in the next decade or so. Rent prices are insane, considering that you pay a 21st century rent for apartments that were build 60-70 years ago.
Andrea	Toronto	I have many friends that are precariously housed. It is not right to have rents soooo high and the thought that they can be raised to almost anything is ridiculous. This is a big mistake and I hope that you do not continue with these awful policies.
Melanie	East York	It is very difficult for anyone to find affordable housing in the city and this will not bring people into Toronto or help the province be "open for business"
JAVEED ISMAIL	TORONTO	we need more affordable housing. Because most people are not afford private , housing.so we suggest our government to build more affordable housing in our city.
Tara	Ottawa	A diverse economy requires a diverse supply of labour. Tradespeople and unskilled labourers can't exist in this province if they can't afford rent. By refusing to enact rent controls, you are asserting that we do not have a need for labour (which is clearly false). Please prove that you're not merely corporate pawns, but that you in fact respect the Ontario economy and Ontario workers.
Cameron	Ottawa	More adequate housing is needed for low and middle incomes. Expensive condos and rent spikes is not helpful in any

way.

Moira Toronto Rent control should be kept. And I mean there should be a good supply of rents in the \$800.00 to \$1,100.00 range for bachelor of one - bedroom apartments ! You know ! - - for the little guy ! And all new buildings should have a certain percentage of low - income apartments in them ! For high-rises, let's say 15% ! And how about a spirit of sharing in our lovely city with all its wonderful resources ! Sincerely, Miss Moira Isabella Stewart

Lisa Hamilton There has been more than enough of studies, wasted money and lack of direct involvement of the VERY PEOPLE who need accessible and affordable PUBLIC HOUSING. Governments at all levels definitely can reallocate sufficient funds for this PUBLIC HOUSING.

Sandee Waterloo I used to live in poverty, and then I found full time, stable work. From there I was able to pay off my debts, work on making myself better and was able to get involved volunteering in the community and give back. I make a comfortable income which sustains my needs. I did everything you are supposed to do, once I had the boot straps, I was able to pull myself up by them. Now all of that is in jeopardy.

I have been living at my current address for the past 9 and a half years, the longest I have ever lived in one location. This is the only place to feel like a home to me. I feel comfortable here, I don't need anything more, but I don't want anything less. I was planning on keeping this my home going forward.

Recently, a company has bought our building and all the buildings around me. We have been told we have a year before we will be forced to move so they can tear down our building to put up more expensive units or condos. When this happens, my rent will jump around \$400 a month unless I move into a tiny unit or leave town. I haven't had a raise in two years and probably won't get one this year either. I simply cannot afford to move. I also don't want to. I am in a great location and the others in my building are the best neighbors a person could ask for, most of whom have lived here far longer than I have (32 years in one case). We have our own little community in this building and it too will be lost when we are forced to

move.

It is not right that affordable housing is being torn down to make way for expensive housing without any affordable housing being built to replace the lost units. All so landlords can make more money, at the expense of leaving people like me with no options. Over a year from now, I will sometimes have to pass by where my home used to be, to see new units, often a bunch left empty, knowing I can never afford to move back home.

This isn't right. We need our government to help us instead of helping to tear down what we have worked so hard for.

~Sandee Lovas

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| Chris   | Toronto   | I've been forced to move 4 times over the past 5 years due to factors of the housing market, including landlords flipping tenants to increase rent.  |
| Saleem  | Toronto   | Rents keeping going up and services are going down the drain. We had no hot water since end of September 2018 which is partially resolved now Jan 2nd 2019 . Property managers treat tenants like shit.  |
| Richard | Waterloo  | As an Ontario citizen and professor emeritus of psychology with a specialty in community mental health, I am very concerned that tens of thousands of Ontarians on low incomes, including families, cannot find affordable housing. To obtain a place to live they're forced to pay high rents that result in their having little funds left for adequate food and clothing. Research in public health shows that the stress of living under these conditions has significant negative effects on individuals' health and mental health, which then results in higher usage-rates and costs to the health care system. Thus, it's significantly more economical for the provincial government to provide support for affordable housing to alleviate the stress of expensive housing than it is to pay for increased use of health and mental health services that results from unaffordable housing. In short, the province would save money on health and mental health care by investing in increased supply of affordable housing. |
| Louise  | Kitchener | Rents are out of control. We need affordable housing. Imlone of the lucky ones in subsidised housing. I always   |



worry about it being taken away. A decent apartment would cost nearly all my money leaving very little to exist on.

MAHATAB	Scarborough	My monthly income is \$2,000 and my house rent is \$14,50 and I am the only earning person in a 3 members family. Because of high house rent, I am unable to afford a good life.
Tim	Waterloo	The lack of affordable housing in Ontario is a fundamental issue in my life and others' lives. It is essential that we solve this problem AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Please make this a top priority for your government!
Fatima	Hamilon	I agree!
Irene	North York	Every year the rent keeps going up
Diane	Burlington	At the moment, I am comfortably housed and my husband can easily pay our relatively modest rent. However, as a senior, I worry that if anything should happen to him, I would be unable to continue to live in our apartment. What we pay is well below the current market rent for a similar place because we have lived here for some time, but even so, would be out of reach for me on my modest pension. My children and grandchildren are having a very difficult time trying to find affordable places to rent, as they all have very modest incomes. Some are trying to get out of substandard apartments right now, but there is such a shortage of low rent apartments available, that they are having to put up with bug ridden and moldy places. We need more affordable housing!
Lisa	Mississauga	I am a single mother of three young children facing eviction due to this issue.
Syed	North York	Rents are already high and beyond the capacity of most of tenants like me, there is a need to bring them down.
Andrew	Toronto	My name is Andrew and I'm a cultural worker living in Toronto, which is euphemistic for "not making too much money in one of the most expensive cities on the planet". When I moved to Toronto 15 years ago my rent was \$435. It is now \$1000. Most of my income goes towards rent. I am honestly looking to live somewhere else now. I see the role of arts workers in this city as one that is vital to its worldwide viability. It is really upsetting that we should not

		<p>be able to afford basic provisions for ourselves in order to live in proximity to the city we helped create.</p> <p>We need affordable housing if the city wants to retain its reputation as a cultural destination worldwide.</p>
J	Toronto	<p>I was forced out of my home a few years ago because of massive rental increase allowance, and now live in a highly condensed area where a 37 storey condo is being built. It is too densely populated already, and there is way too much leeway given to developers and AirBnB in this city. While I get that Ford hates poor people, it's literally causing additional, unnecessary homelessness.</p>
Clara	Toronto	<p>I am finally moving out of a shared apartment with friends at the age of 29, and about to move in with my partner. While this should be an exciting time of my life, we are struggling to find something affordable and that meets all of our modest needs. We have both recently graduated from a Master's program and have new full-time jobs. Even given this scenario, it is a challenge. I can't imagine what it is like for those who are under- or unemployed and have barriers to employment in this city.</p>
Patricia	Etobicoke	<p>Make Toronto an extraordinary city by going against the rise of an inflated market just for the love of money. Invest in people not corporations. By eliminating walls and build bridges. When people are happy they work harder, more effective.</p>
muhammad	Scarborough	<p>Rents are high bordering extortion</p>
Jenny	Toronto	<p>If you work full time at a minimum wage job in Toronto, you can't afford to pay rent, eat and get around. Please support the everyday person who is just trying to get by, please develop decent, affordable housing. All you have to do is make it a rule that all developments allocate 10percent of units to be charged based on income. The more we take care of each other and show respect, the better will be our lives. If I can work and live in a decent way, I can advance my life and for my family.</p>
Ann	Toronto	<p>I was "reno-victed" from my home of 23 years. I lost my home, neighbourhood and feeling of security. Looking for a new place in the current market was challenging at best, depressing and hopeless at worse, especially as a senior on fixed income. What are we supposed to do? Just</p>

		disappear? Die? Live in hovels? We need affordable housing and we need it in the downtown area.
Anna	Ottawa	No development in the Greenbelt! More appropriate regulations on the development.
Jean-Bosco	Ottawa	My landlord applied successfully to court to increase the rent above the normal annual rent increase for renovation purpose. There should be some mechanisms to prevent this as, I think, landlords can do so without increasing their tenants' plight.
Lindsay	Ottawa	Respect the needs of lower income people. We need rent controls, I can barely a 1 bedroom apartment on my salary of 40 000 per year. The most disgusting bug ridden buildings are charging 900 for tiny bachelors and 1400 for one bedroom apartments that are not even maintained. This is a travesty in 2019. This has to stop.
Normand	Ottawa	We need more affordable housing in Ontario. There is still too many people who are homeless or are on long waiting lists . A wealthy country like Canada should not have these kinds of problems, there is no excuse .
Isreal	Ottawa , ON	Ontario residents need more affordable housing, it has been very challenging for me and my kids , even though we live in a subsidized rented apartment. I would appreciate if the Ontario Government could invest in more affordable housing for Ontarian Citizens, this will safe or protects our struggling families from unnecessary rents increased yearly. Thank you,
Ria	Ottawa	Any easing of rent control will limit even more the availability of affordable housing! Our Government should have a Big role to play in the Housing area in order to provide more housing which are affordable. Strong Government oversight is also strongly needed to protect tenants. Please, do not give developers even more free hand than they have already. We know too well from past experiences.
Anne	Ottawa	Why haven't our political reps., enforced the decades old legislation that builders developers had to put 10% of their units towards affordable housing! Stop being in the back

pockets of these big corps., & do what you were elected to do, work for the people! Enforce this legislation!

Dan	Ottawa, Ont.	Housing is a right; Let's keep it affordable! Thank you.
Grant	Nepean	Seniors are having problems financially because of greed. Rents are way out of control!
Mari	Ottawa	We are asking for more affordable housing to be built as it will benefit our society and all of us. We believe in the right of affordable housing for everyone. A right for everyone to be able to have a roof over their heads that they can call their home. It will provide stability and security in their lives and give them a greater chance for "upward" mobility. It will help create a more equitable society.
Barb	Ottawa	People who work can not afford rents now. Developers are misleading city hall, lying about the true nature of their projects a factenant low income are being pushed onto streets this is not a canada I want ,
thomas	Odawa	rental units in the nation's capital are few and far between. If from a visible minority, almost impossible and leads to overcrowding in existing units. Governments are elected to serve ALL voters, not just Party members and their preferred wishes. Do the right thing, fer crissakes!
Diego	Ottawa	I have been lucky enough to live in an OCH community growing up however there is a growing housing bubble in surrounding neighborhoods that makes it hard for so many to find affordable rent. Working class families are struggling to put food on the table and are forced to deal with poor living conditions as a result of irresponsible landlords.
Merlin	Ottawa	My best friend, my fiancee and I have been looking since August for a house we could even split on to afford and we are now January! Now CAS has intervned and said our situation was neglectful and inappropriate and used the housing crisis against us to take our children! Since then my infant son is with my fiancee in a shelter while her other 2 boys are with her adoptive mother and I am couch surfing! Rent is super high and expectations are also too high! There Is a lot of prejudism out there and they want credit of 750 or higher!

I really hope we can find a way to fix this!  
It is great to help other people around the world but it is NOT ok to neglect our own so much!

john	ottawa	Being disabled housing is a real problem
Ida	Ottawa	Given the dearth of full-time work available generally, not simply in Ontario, people just are not able to afford renting &/or buying housing of any sort. It becomes a vicious circle: no housing where even part-time jobs may be available & moving further & further out, but then paying a bigger chunk of a small pay packet for transportation to access the jobs! It's a recipe for disaster, not a sustainable economy.
Debra	Ottawa	My daughter has been waiting 2 years on a so called list
David	Ottawal	I was recently forced out of an affordable apartment by a landlord who used bullying tactics in order to get me to give notice. It was not until then that I realized that the vacancy rate was so low, and that landlords were jacking up rents. I now have been forced to live in a rooming house.
S. Theresa	Hamilton, ON	Everyone in Ontario needs affordable housing at all times. We need to support the efforts of Acorn Canada who support the effort for affordable housing. I plead with you help provide affordable and good housing.
Paul	Toronto	In the past two years my rent has increased by approximately 5% each year, this is way over inflation, which makes it even harder to make ends meet.
mihaela	toronto	we need more affordable housing. This increasing rent business can't go on like that
Gary	Ottawa	We need more housing that is governed by residents, like housing co-ops. Everyone deserves the right to affordable, well maintained housing. Society can organize co-op housing for all to promote healthy humans that will in turn provide healthy workers for the economy.
Geetha	Toronto	We stay in a modest 2-bedroom apartment paying rent of \$1400 per month. Rents are increasing every year and it's coming to a stage where more than 30%income goes towards rent alone. Moreover landlords are not maintaining property to the minimum by providing continuous hot water,

danny	Toronto	I have been ripped off by landlords more times than I can count. They will take any opportunity to take advantage of their tenants. Please support those that can not afford their own home to at least be able to afford a rental and retain some quality of life.
Agnes	Ottawa	We need more affordable housing especially for larger families.
Ursula	Toronto	Housing in Toronto needs to be more affordable for young professionals!
Rory	Toronto	The Government is way too warm to the profoundly wealthy, private development community. These companies have CEO's with billion in the bank. They aren't interested in helping low income earners, they are interested in profits and nothing else. These are the ownership class, they have little or no experience/empathy with tenant injustices and depravation. Unfortunately, only government can force them to pay for affordable housing.
Feroza	Toronto	Renting is far too expensive and beyond reach for residents living in Toronto. For years we have been hearing about how families have to choose between paying rent, or putting food on the table. It is time now for government to act. It is time to create affordable housing, so we can affodrd to live with dignity. We work hard. We pay our taxes. We need to live with peace of mind. We need to improve Mental Health, by not having to worry about whether we eat or face homelessness.
Roda	Ottawa	I am renting a 2 bedroom for 6 people at 1250 \$very incomfortable.
Kathy	Toronto	Affordable housing is a right!
Paul	Ottawa	nous avons besoin d'un logement digne et abordable
Nowella	Mississauga	The prices of rent is way to high, as a single mother of 6 it's hard to find a place that I can afford and be comfortable.
Miniaflor	North york	I am renting at 1303 wilson ave buildings, METCAP manage apartments, the rent is way too ecpensive for a single mother like me.

Claudia

North York

There are two major housing problems. Firstly the rents are not affordable for most retired people like myself who want to live alone instead of sharing a one-bedroom with several other people. The second but equally serious problem is that some of the rental buildings are not maintained while the rents are increased by 67% in four years. I currently live in such a cesspool. The roof was leaking for years until it was repaired last January 2018. The bricks around the building were falling off for years. Some senior citizens had to live with their relatives because their unit was too cold. The caulking was done from May 28, 2018 to November 14th 2018. The problem in the unit where I have the misfortune to sleep is that the seals around the windows have fallen off over the course of 36 years. All the bugs and all the black, gooey, dirty, smelly, and dirty garbage from under the buses, trucks, and cars is polluting the air. I breathe through a Stanley dust mask with a vent. This garbage has also destroyed my computer, the coffee machine, and the ivory sheers turned yellow in four months. It is impossible to cook, bake, read a book, or invite a guest in this cesspool because of the garbage that pours in here night and day. Since I moved into this unit in June of 2016, I have had to write emails to the Global Mail, the Toronto Star, the Toronto Building, the Municipal Standards, the City of Toronto Councillor, the Ombudsman, the Prime Minister of Canada, two members of Parliament, the Co-Operative Housing Federation of Canada, the Co-Operative Housing Federation of Toronto, and the DMS staff and the Board Members of this Co-operative building. I was bitten by thousands of bugs from May till October 2018. In May 2019, I am planning on purchasing a pop-up tent that will be placed on my double bed. I think that this will prevent the bugs from biting me. These bugs are coming from the air ducts as well as from outside. I vacuum every single day every crack of the floor of this unit but it does not do much good. These bugs infest this unit and keep me awake all night. long. When I shared my concerns with the Board Members of this building or with the DMS staff nothing happened. I was told by a Board Member that: "You get what you pay for". I took this to mean that paying \$954 per month is not enough money to live in a building that would be maintained properly. How much exactly does a person need to pay to live in a unit that is fit to live in?

Duncan	Ottawa	I know of several people who face eviction and homelessness because it can take many years to obtain a place which is affordable. Just being on a wait list for such affordable housing is not enough, as it often takes five years or more to fill such a request. In order to shorten these lists, it is imperative that more affordable housing be built up front.
Iram	Toronto	I am from 650 Parliament St, we experienced how difficult to find an apartment in city. The city is very busy and expensive now, even we couldn't get any thing in this hard time. The city has to do something to control the rent.
Ahmat	HAMILTON	Hello,  Please we really need affordable housing in HAMILTON Ontario. Thanks so much Ahmat
Elizabeth	Ottawa	It has being widely publicized that wages are NOT keeping pace with the overall increases in prices. Housing affordability has been a growing crisis in recent years and had become increasingly worrisome for several years due to lack of action by ALL levels of Government to enact policies that will ensure this most basic of needs is supported and made available.
ADEL	Toronto	we need affordable house
Mark	Ottawa	Too many people stand to be priced out of house and home.
Andrew	Brampton	Look to the housing policies of nations ranked high on the HDI, and emulate them.  Keep in mind that housing is a universal human right.
Ronda	Ottawa	We need a lot more reasonably priced housing in Ottawa. Our social housing waiting lists are years long, we have homeless people living on our streets and more and more low-income tenants are being evicted. Many seniors are living in our hospitals and using much needed beds because they have no other housing. The demolition of our Heron-Gate neighbourhood is a disgusting attack on our low-income residents. It is allowed because our governments are serving the rich instead of serving the



public. This is unacceptable. We need more protections for tenants, as well as more reasonably priced housing in Ottawa now. Stop the Heron-Gate evictions now!

schola	TORONTO	Rent is becoming unbelievable expensive every year there is an increase and the landlord are not modifying the apartment. Is anyone even listing?
Hodan	Stittsville	Owners will not rent a house to me because I don't have the job or because I am single mother. There's is a discrimination between tenants and owners government need to intervene.
Suzanne	Ottawa	The rental market is atrocious and very expensive. The demand and prices ballooning and vacancies increasingly scarce. There is surging rental-asking prices and cutthroat competition for units.

Even people that are moderate income are having challenges finding spaces, even working minimum wage or jobs because the average rents are so high.

Lower vacancy rates and higher rental costs are placing demand on the wait list for social housing and for affordable housing options

It's a loss to the community, so we do have to find a way to make more rentals and affordable rentals available.

It's a struggle to find safe, secure rental housing of reasonable quality within a budget.

According to the popular listing website PadMapper, rental prices for a bachelor and four bedroom apartment have increased by 7% in the last month alone. One bedroom apartments have decreased by nearly 2%, but are still up about 7% from this time last year. "The fact that Ottawa is beating the slow moving seasons with rent rising shows that people want to move there and people are trying to move now instead of when everyone is moving in the Summer," said PadMapper spokesperson Crystal Chen.

In January, Ottawa had the second fastest growing one bedroom rent in the top ten largest markets with a unit going for an average price of \$1,120 per month. Chen attributes the increase to growing demand for Ottawa

combined with a spike in new, luxury apartment buildings entering the market.

Zarmena	Toronto	If the Ontario government allows any further increases on the current housing market, this will result with increases of homelessness which will cause other issues to citizens, as well as increase on the reliance of welfare for basic necessities as shelter, food and such. Although your strategy is to increase housing supply, you are not assisting those individuals and families who struggle to make ends meet. This just shows how untrustable the conservative government really is to Canadian citizens. I voted for you once, but never again.
Susan	Ottawa	Once I've paid my rent (over \$900 monthly) and make a payment on a credit card. I have \$30 to live on. Every one at the YMCA, Sheps, Mission, Cornerstone has priority over me. I have to go to the Mission and other such orgs to eat. So only 7 more years on the 10 year-wait-time on the waiting list, oh wait it just went up another 1 year wait. I live in a construction area since 2010, 9 years of condos going up, no affordable housing in the Elgin-Bank-Laurier-Somerset area. What's affordable at the Rideau Centre?
MD shariful	Scarborough	I am spending 85% of my monthly income for house rent only. I am living on child tax benefit and spouses income. This too high rate of house rent is not acceptable. Most of the families like me need affordable housing immediately.
Anisul	Toronto	In today's market renting an apartment or a private house is to difficult. You have to be pay more than 2/3 years before. Every year it is increasing. No control on it. So the need for more affordable housing is essential.
Donald	Hamilton	I'm trapped in my home by grandfathered rent; prices are so high now I'd be homeless if I left my present apartment
Adam	Ottawa	Tenants are not treated fairly as is. Removing protections and giving disgusting power to landlords is a travesty. I call for those supporting this to be removed from office.
Sharon	Toronto	I have been on a waiting list for the past 9 yrs waiting to find a 1 bedroom housing and was told I am no closer to getting one any time soon. I have moved to Toronto since 2009 and still can't find anywhere to live where I can afford. How is that for Ontario largest city resident?

Dennis	Ottawa	The rents in Ontario are diabolical and the Ontario government should be ashamed for entertaining the greedy landlords. The conservative government are on the side of greed and greedy people. Shame, shame, shame on you.
Pam	Gatineau	Had to move to the Gatineau side to be able to afford the move, they only require the first here and the rent is significantly lower than the Ottawa side especially for the age of the buildings on the Gatineau side. Its newer d For the same price as something 30+ years old on the Ontario side.
Teddisha	toronto	While renting a home in Toronto it was unsatisfying by the lack of fixing my house needed and the relator/ landlord lived overseas so there was never know one on call I have been trying to get affordable housing for the past 6 years and I have no luck.
Mavis	Ottawa	Mr. Ford you are breaking your promise to leave rent controls alone. You will not encourage affordable housing that way, just more expensive housing, that will lead to more homelessness. My husband's hours were cut and yet rent goes up. People on government pensions are not given the pay increases that would cover all those rent increases your government will allow. And social housing has been allowed to deteriorate along with low cost housing disappearing. Isn't this a recipe for disaster? Where are your humane values? Everyone deserves a good home, and the poor can't all decamp to Elliot Lake for cheaper rent. Don't make our life any harder!
Lia	Scarborough	I only started renting 2 years ago and the price of a unit like mine has increased by hundreds of dollars. I do not think most people have experienced raises with their jobs or careers to be able to afford that kind of an increase in such a short time. This should not be allowed. If the previous tenant had stayed, the rent would not be so high. This makes no one want to move, and hurts everyone trying to find a new place to live.
Pamela	Ottawa	My daughter is looking for affordable housing. It is extremely challenging to find anything manageable in Ottawa.
Tina	Ottawa	Ottawa needs more affordable housing for everyone

Trevor	Newcastle	We have to decide food or roof most days. Cant get basics on good month due to greedy people demanding more money for rent. Will never be able to buy & spend more as can barely keep rent paid.
Kaitlin	Ottawa	Housing costs made up roughly from 80% of my gross income when I worked full time at minimum wage. Now, as a 30-year-old self-employed person, that ratio ranges from 60 - 120% depending on the season. Safe, clean and affordable housing every person's right; it is a pre-requisite to for so many physical and mental health indicators, for our ability to contribute to our community, and for a dignified and vibrant life. It's a public investment that actually pays off, too! We need inclusionary zoning laws now.
Philip	Ottawa	I was recently forced to relocate by a landlord who wanted to demolish the townhouses where I and many families lived for many years. Under rent control, our rent at our former residence. Our forced relocation resulted in a seven hundred dollar rental increase per month, an amount we can barely afford. And we live in an apartment rather than a town house - a much smaller place for significantly more rent. Shameful!
kandice	Ottawa	rents are to high I pay 1305 for a one bedroom
Carolyn	Scarborough	I'm a senior living on OAS and GIS and I live in a basement apartment because that's the only thing I can afford. It's not the most suitable for my health but it's the best I can do. I've recently been looking for a two-bedroom apartment to share with my middle-aged son, but even the two of us together can't pay the rent that's being charged now. It's very difficult to find any vacancies at all, let alone affordable ones. At this point I'm just thankful I'm not homeless.
Kathy	Ottawa	Every year there are thousands of people becoming disabled and needing low income housing. Also students, graduates starting out on their own with huge debts need low income housing. People with low income, part time jobs, single parents need housing to suit their needs. Not enough attention is given to these people. How many people have silver spoons in their mouth? Please have builders put more effort into building for us less fortunate. We need your help.!

Jean-Claude	Ottawa	I support the position of ACORN on the issue of affordable housing and of the needs for tenants to be protected not more free regulations with ore powers for developers.
Bob	Toronto	I am landlocked in my residence in a area away from all my supports, I cannot move because of relocation & to rentals costs available. I am an ODSP recipient, my rental costs me 79% of my fixed income. My disability is now deemed permanant. I would relocate anywhere than be stuck in Toronto
Mugeta	Toronto	I appeal the Government of Ontario to look or think about poor people but, not to those who have every thing on hand .  we do not need vacuum promise of election purpose Mulugeta
Alia	Ottawa	Yes for more affordable housing. Where Go check out how miserable caldwell social hosuing are old and need to be rebuilt
Quinn	Toronto	As a funded graduate student that can barely make rent, I'm deeply frustrated and disappointed that the Ford government has broken its promise to maintain rent control legislation. Even if removing rent controls were to substantially increase supply (which in itself is highly questionable) its irresponsible and cruel to ask moderate to low income tenants to bear the cost of the current housing crisis when other options (such as providing greater subsidies to incentivize construction of purpose-built rental buildings) exist. Many of my young, educated colleagues are leaving Toronto, or even the province, for more reasonable rents and better tenant protections elsewhere. Many of my lower-income friends are already at dire risk of losing their housing, and some have ended up on the street. I sincerely hope the Ford government takes the results of their consultation to heart and commits to ensuring tenants are protected in any and all solutions to increase supply proposed moving forward.

Nehemiah	Scarborough	<p>Li use to have affordable housing until I was kicked out of it within the time that I was their I was place my, application for transfer based on the fact that it was a low income building which should of only take for 3 years I was in housing for 8 year 8 and 3 are two diffrent numbers, eventually I found my self apply back for housing, which take any where bewteen 10 yrs even more and the waiting list is massive &amp; getting more massive for paying rent in tironto is \$1500 and that's being nice and going up , any ways by the time that I could go back and explain my situation to housing to certain law agency they said the time had expired . Basically their plan was to get as much people put from the area so that they could redevelop the area. The leaders are not doing anything they just make promises that they will never keep &amp; if they do make a promise that they keep theirs always something behind it. over the years their has been people that have died on the street becuse of lack of affordable , literally frozen to death out side in bus shelter, downtown . Besides the shelters are unsanitary, people are most likely going to steal anything and every thing you have the housing help centers does help eaiter because the rent is very high. . And if the housing is affordable their is other problem such as it is not an healthy environment.. I can go on but I have to go .</p>
Maria	toronto	<p>Whish the Government would put some control on these rents, tent's are shooting up the prices as they want, every time they do some little maintains on the building they file for increase and the Board allows it, its disgusting. most of the people don't earn enough to pay these high rents on the city. Government should look into what people make before allowing these bazar rent increases. that's why there's so many homeless out there .</p> <p>its a shame the government's not taking care of the people on this city.</p>
Liisa	Toronto	<p>I am not a renter myself, but my students are having great difficulties in finding affordable lodging.</p>
Natalie	Toronto	<p>In just two years, I've watched rents in my neighbourhood Bloor West/Etobicoke Centre skyrocket. Trying to start a family is more difficult than ever, there are very few options for affordable housing for young couples in the city. We need help! Rent control is critical.</p>

- Concerned Torontonians

Colette	Toronto	85% of my ODSP cheque goes to rent. I'm currently on a 7-10 year waiting list for subsidized housing. This is totally unacceptable.
James	Toronto	One of my sons has a full-time job at just above minimum wage. His rent for a small, old, bachelor apartment is half his take-home pay. Many months I have to give him a couple hundred dollars to pay his rent. Help!
Donald	Hamilton	I am a retiree, in poor health. I live in a rent controlled building; if such did not exist I'm not sure what I would do as my pensions would make it difficult for me to pay market rent. Many of my colleagues are living in basements etc. because of that; even though they have worked hard all of their lives.
Judith	Kitchener	<p>I am a 63 year old employed woman, university educated but employed in social services helping roles for low income, living on my own after having raised 4 children. I need to conserve money at this age for retirement, yet my rent is going up to a rate I won't be able to sustain. I am safe and comfortable now but I fear I will have to move to cramped and dingy and unsafe buildings- only options and even they are high for my income!</p> <p>I worry about my children, young adults, who live in shared accommodations and have lost hope of owning, despite their university educations. Houses are for families, neighbourhoods, for community, not for investment strategies for those building their already substantial capital.</p>
Jason	Orleans	We do need more affordable housing. The price is getting bad. Can hardly afford living in a 1 bedroom these days even when your on odsp.
Ramona	NORTH YORK	Stop building useless luxury condos to line the pockets of greedy developers. The people need shelter.
John	Toronto	My schizophrenic son ended up in St Joseph's hospital on a cold January weekend. He was examined then released with nowhere to go. He wandered from shelter to shelter, increasingly traumatized. This kind of stress makes the symptoms of schizophrenia much worse. Because of these experiences, he has suffered lasting brain damage.

When I finally found him a basement apartment on the outskirts of Toronto, he paid \$750 rent. This left him with about \$300 a month to live off of from his ODSP money. That's not enough money for anyone to live off. The stress of poverty made his symptoms worse. In the end, he caused a fire in his apartment and was hospitalized. Fortunately, he finally found supportive housing. Unfortunately, the effects of homelessness and poverty in Toronto have caused lasting damage.

Nick	Toronto	help
Kate	Toronto	My experience originates in Toronto only where young families with children can no longer afford to live, nor elderly or people on fixed incomes. This is unacceptable and a loss to all.
Cameron	Hamilton	All levels of government need to prioritize affordable housing. It's a crisis and we must acknowledge it as one. I support ACORN Canada and ask the Province of Ontario to take their demands seriously.
Ashraf	Etobicoke	This is totally unfair that the landlords are increasing rent just because of not getting approved mortgages easily like before. Now the rent of basement in detached house is minimum 1500 for one bedroom and for two bedrooms is 1600. There is no control over rentals prices on private properties. It's long time required in Ontario to get a job. It's very tough to live in Ontario now these days by increasing rents, Our landlords are threading us to leave their properties just because they want to increase the rent to nee tenants
Elizabeth	Hamilton	As the Chair of a grass roots, social justice group I am well aware of the need for affordable housing. Even those on Basic Income cannot afford to move from their 'crappy' accommodations now. Rents are too high!
Cassie	Hamilton	Everyone should be looked at the same not bf poverty and that's how the government is separating us and not think about the children who can't speak for them self's and who cant work for them self's think of the kids
David	Toronto	Allowing rent to increase without measures or controls simply increases disparity and slashes disposable income that helps to keep our economy floating. Compounded with only partially inhabited condos paving over the



unique, interesting and profitable neighbourhoods, eventually we will see cities like Toronto become soul-less, dull, and undesirable. I believe there should be an effort to maintain living costs that increases at the same rate as income. Otherwise, it is bound to have dire consequences.

Susan	Toronto	We need more affordable housing in Ontario and the private sector is not going to provide it unless the government provides strong incentives for landlords and support for tenants. Housing must be seen as a right.
Ida	North York	I can't afford to move out
Mark	Hamilton	The City of Hamilton is faced with an annual shortfall of \$50 million in affordable housing, and has more than a 6 year waiting list for subsidized housing, With 11 communities in Hamilton that have over a 50% rate of unemployment. These issue can not be ignored and require all stakeholders at the table to find sustainable solutions.
David	Hamilton	It is impossible for those on low incomes or even mid-level incomes to find housing they can afford in Hamilton. And newer, tougher laws are desperately needed to stop landlords utilizing sneaky, underhanded and illegal tactics such as renoviction.
Gwen	Ottawa	We are 3 adults in a 2 bedroom apt. Im 60 my sons 22 and 25.
Mary	Hamilton	A young friend with great potential had to move to New Brunswick to find an affordable apartment. That's Ontario's loss!
Richard	Etobicoke	We need more affordable housing in all the GTA. I hope the Ford Government will put funds or some sort of legislation in place to make it happen.
J	TORONTO	IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT TORONTO CREATES MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING! It's becoming near impossible for people on minimum to be able to afford safe, clean, well maintained housing. PLEASE WORK TOWARDS THIS GOAL!
Robert	Dundas	There is, in Hamilton, a several-year waiting list for affordable, geared-to-income housing. Since you have

		reduced the minimum wage and cancelled the basic income project, perhaps you need to at least help people get decent housing.
Marie	Toronto	It is a shame to have homeless people and families who live in deplorable conditions. We are a wealthy Province. No excuse.
Cara	Toronto	The lack of affordable housing in Toronto is already a crisis. The Ford PC government policies will just make things worse.
J.	Toronto	The tragic death of Chrystal, the homeless woman who got trapped in a clothing donation bin on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019, is yet another unforgivable example of the City's inertia when it comes to homeless or marginalized residents. Chrystal was known to people in the community and was a frequent user of the Sistering drop-in centre. It seems our Mayor is trying to turn this into an issue about donation bin safety. That is an unacceptable diversion of attention away from the underlying housing and homelessness crisis that's driving people into dangerous situations. We've needed more, better and affordable housing for years for those who live here. How long will the bureaucrats make them wait as they die from our neglect?
Ann	Toronto	I am semi-retired, looking ahead and trying to plan for the future. I put a deposit on a new active semi-retirement residence with a view of keeping future rent increases in line with my post-retirement fixed income. This building experiences the usual construction delays, now not placing occupancy in March - too late for eh Nov. 15 cutoff. And I have cancelled my plans. I know I will need to leave where I am within a couple years and will probably need to leave the city, not something I want to do in my mid-70s and on my own.
Elisabeth	Toronto	Start taxing and controlling RBBS and there will be more housing available.

Tutu

Toronto

In September 2018, after 6 years of renting my condo, my landlord tried to force my sister and I to move out so he could sell the unit at a massive profit.

My sister and I knew that he didn't have a legal right to force us out because we had signed a lease until September 2019 but he repeatedly harassed and threatened us in order to intimidate us into moving out so he could make money by selling the 750 sq. foot 2 bedroom condo unit for \$778,000 CAD. The price per square foot for condo buyers in Toronto now averages \$1000 per square foot. This amount is outrageous and not affordable for the vast majority of residents. Salaries have not kept up with this massive housing cost increase. The average rent for a 1 bedroom unit in my condo building is now around \$2100 to \$2500 per month. 2 bedrooms in my condo rent for over \$3000 per month. Who can afford these prices on a typical salary? I am 39 years old and have to live with my sister to afford rent of only \$2200 per month. If our landlord had successfully evicted us, we would be looking at a rent increase of at least \$600 a month and we can barely afford what we pay now. It is ridiculous.

Also, my sister and I did some real estate shopping and discovered that we CANNOT afford to buy a 2 bedroom condo in Toronto. The bank mortgage we were eligible for doesn't cover the cost (\$600,000 and up) of 2 bedroom condos in Toronto! Combined, my sister and I earn about \$175,000 per year and we still can't afford to buy a condo in Toronto.

I also investigated the pre-construction market. I was shocked to discover that a 1 bedroom pre-construction condo in Regent Park (built by Daniels Corporation) will cost \$395,000 and up. This is the price for a condo that is not slated to be complete until 2021 or 2022!!! In a neighbourhood that has been considered low-income. The gentrification of the area is driving the cost of living up there too. It is extremely stressful to know that Toronto has become so expensive that I can't afford to buy a home or rent on my own even though I earn about \$80,000 a year.

We need to get this under control. I feel horrible for the

		people who earn much less than me in this city. I don't understand how they make ends meet. I am barely making ends meet on a good salary.
Christopher	Mississauga	I worry about where my kids will live. Housing is priced so that our youth will never be able to afford to live in their home city, without living with their parents.
Mike	Toronto	It is a shame in a rich city like Toronto to have so many homeless people, something needs to be done as a matter of urgency.
VIVIENNE	Toronto	Our children after graduation often can't afford to live independently in their own city .it's a social disgrace that they are priced out of their own home town .Low income needs must be addressed in the area of housing policy .
JJ	TORONTO	We need to see short-term rentals returned to the rental market, and ensure rent controls are applied to all units, regardless of age.
Rosamund	TORONTO	Rents in Toronto are far too high. This should not be a city that is not inclusive of all.
Eshetie	Toronto	I am a person with mobility challenge. I tried to rent disability accessible building but the rent is very expensive and enforced me to rent a room in inaccessible building where the rent is relatively low. I hardly manage the stairs every day to carry out my daily routine tasks.
Sandra	Toronto	A close friend of mine is looking for housing right now and can't find anything she can afford for herself & her daughter. Rents have just about doubled since the last time she was apt. hunting 10 years ago.
Elisabeth	Hamilton	Expensive and not really taken care of. Please do something
Princess	toronto	I have lived in 3400 since 2008 never have issue with my rent but because i'm a student, and for one reason or the other i did not pay my landlord every 1st of the month for 5 months he took me to court. He did this just to get me evicted so that he can increase his rent. My rent is a little lower than what newcomers are paying now.
Norma	North York	Rent are very high and it's problems to fixed arroud and they most the time don't do it. A lot off retired people can afore to live at a decent

apartment after they work for many years and pay taxes.  
Thanks

Sharon Toronto I am lucky that my Landlord isn't a bad guy, but eventually I will not be able to afford the rent increase and I am terrified of trying to find a decent place to live.

I know too many people who are putting up with substandard places and paying too much in rent for what they have, because the alternative is the street.

And I know too many people who are essentially on the street because there is nowhere they can afford.

Liane Toronto It is extremely difficult to find a place to live in Toronto. Housing is a human right, and people who work in Toronto should be able to live here.

Rachael Toronto The statement "Rent generally should not be more than 25 percent of your gross monthly salary, " can be found throughout the world. I recognize that the use of 'generally' does allow for some variation. Some variation!  
I am a single female and my rent which is well below the 'average' is actually 34 percent of my gross monthly income and when the cost of heat and electricity are added the cost of housing consumes 38 percent of my gross income.

This translates into 51 percent of my net income.

My gross income is very well above The Statistics Canada 2016 Census results that showed, In Toronto, males had a median total individual income of \$33,456 and females had a median total individual income of \$27,576.

These numbers are troubling and cannot be ignored!

Donna Vanier We need more lower rent for the people who are on disability and ow and we want more help now so lower the rent or build more lower rental for the people that can afford it from the assistant.

Tammy Renfrew I currently live in low income housing in Renfrew ON and yes its geared to income but when you are trying to move out of low income housing because they do not fix anything you can not find a decent place to rent, anywhere rent is ridiculous for a 3bedroom house its anywhere a

\$1000.00 -2400.00 for rent plus utilities how can anyone live or rent a place when you are on odsp. and when you work on odsp they just take 50% of your income so you are no further ahead we need more affordable places to rent and to be able to survive and by groceries

linh	toronto	We need affordable housing and will vote for that. Stop catering only to the rich. The city is for all, and the govt has to respect that.
David	Toronto	Rampant speculation in anything does not help society as a whole. And speculation in a necessity of life, such as shelter, can only harm everyone - even the speculators in the long run.
Ivan	St. Catharines	<p>I can see numerous creative solutions to the problem. Governments (federal, provincial, and local) should be encouraging innovation to this problem, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Smaller apartments.</li><li>- More co-ops.</li><li>- More use of shared housing.</li><li>- Private mortgages.</li><li>- Low-cost mortgages through credit unions.</li></ul> <p>In some cases, several of these methods could be combined.</p>
Reginald	Toronto	Housing is a basic human right. Forget the tax breaks, pay for the housing.
Abi	Ottawa	Please make affordable housing available for all that need it .
Fred	SCARBOROUGH	i don.t Think it.s Right When Someone Work.s All Year Get.s A Bonus or Profit Share The Rent Goes up the Following Year You get Less Bonus or Profit Share the Rent Still goes Up that.s not Right i Should NO ?
Erich	Etobicoke	far too much of our money goes to rent
Ronny	Toronto	I worked in a housing agency that provided a range of supportive housing from group home to own apartment. Hundreds of clients could live independently if they had an apartment in a supportive housing setting. We know that many cannot afford to pay today's rents, even for a bachelorette. Instead taxpayers dollars are used to keep people in high support settings (approx. \$3000. per month) which cost far more per month than an affordable

apartment (\$500. per month).

Michael Toronto

In my experience, the cost of housing in Toronto & East York has gone up 400% since 2010 (based on the size of space I could afford in 2010 vs the space I'm living in now, which is 25% of the floor area of the 2010 space).

That doesn't include ceiling height and window qualities - 4 feet lower headroom and window area reduced from 18 square feet to 2 square feet); plus reduction of the quality of view out those windows (a great view of the sun-rise vs a brick wall 3 feet away).

Including all those elements one could say that for me, the price of housing has gone up 1000% since 2010.

Going forward, when I have to move again, I am pretty sure there will be NO spaces available in T&EY for the price that I can afford to pay.

The only way to create housing for the low income earners in a free market home building context is to spend public money to support and/or build, non-profit housing on a mass scale.

It has been proven time and time again in history that the free market cannot solve housing deficiencies for lower income people.

Veronica Mississauga

I am a senior living on pension and having to continue working to pay my current rent....the Landlord is currently increasing my rent and although I have lived here for 8+years has not done any painting of the property inside or out. The problem is because Landlord wait for tenant to leave so that they can further increase rents and as Malton seem to be an area where although low income Landlord buy multi storey home and rent most upstairs 3-brm for \$2200 plus utilities I cannot afford to move from my current location without incurring higher rental rates. I know because I have been looking and will have to stay where I am because the price in the marketplace is so high. I am currently waiting to see what my Landlord's increase will be on the next round.

Pat Toronto

I will be losing my current housing in 6 months and am terrified about my ability to find something affordable.

Susan	St. Catharines	Hi, Three and a half years ago, I took ODSP and CPP Disability because of illness and now I live in a homeless shelter. Thankyou for that!
Karl	Hamilton	Rentals spiraling far too high.
Grace	atangagrace@yahoo.com	Small rooms for heavy Amount.
Maria	Ottawa	Yes! I strongly agree that we need more affordable housing. I have Been living at my place for over 5years now, In a small 3 bedroom house. With 5 occupying it and, I can't afford to live elsewhere. As I'am a low income mother of 3 with an elderly mom and my fourth child on the way. I've tried to look for other places to live. But I've had no luck because I can't afford the rent majority of these properties are asking for.
Dennis	Ottawa	Big Difference in rent than in Montreal.
S. Theresa	Hamilton, ON	Apartments continue to have increases in rent. until it is out of reach
AUdrey	Ottawa	Soon I will have to sell my current home and move back into the rental market. My research has shown that good landlords such as Homestead continued to grow and develop under rent controls while providing reasonable rents and better than average care for tenants. For bad landlords the results are not so promising. Therefore I continue to support rent controls. Moreover, I would support development incentives for building quality subsidized housing units for low-income individuals and families.
LOLA	Toronto	I see tons of people sleeping out on the streets everyday and I can't even imagine what that would be like. And yet here I am with an almost 6-figure paying job and I can't afford to rent or buy alone. And to make matters worse our landlord has been trying to kick us out for the past few months siting various ever changing reasons but it's really because we've been here for 6 years so our rent is cheap in comparison to what units rent for in our building now and he wants to sell and make money. If I as a person who makes a good salary has this much difficulty, I can't



even imagine someone low income. This has got to stop. It just has to stop.

Sharon Toronto Rents are exorbitant. Wages have not increased to keep up with cost of housing, food. Please care for ordinary Ontarians the way you care for the rich with tax breaks. Sharon Goodier

george hamilton my experience of renting in hamilton has been dismal from beginning to end. hamilton ontaria is a robber's paradise for landlords, developers, property managers and anyone other sociopath that predate on people's needs for a home to financially abuse the most vulnerable and marginalized people in our community.

the tribunal does very little to help and the bylaw department is negligent. ward councillors are more on the side of money than human rights and the situation has just been made worse by the very existence of doug ford. every breath he takes someone loses their home, loses their benefits, loses their self worth or even their right to exist.

we do need more laws to protect humans from these parasites but just enforcing the current laws would be a start.

if landlords did the repairs it would make the aggressive rent hikes more tolerable but there is a basic reluctance to take anything other than a casual and most cost effective approach to any building maintenance. our building for instance does not have an intercom and will never have an intercom. the cost for the whole building would be 400 dollars. but no owner will ever spend that. they have repayments on properties abroad to pay.

the system rewards greed and punishes honesty. the paperwork gives all rights and authority to the property owner and all the responsibility to the person renting. miss a payment and they can evict but when you want essential repairs done it can go on for years.

i am currently in emergency accommodation because the home i am renting is unfit for human habitation. it is in ward 3 and the company is auger properties. we have taken him to the tribunal and he is known to be a criminal

who financially abuses his clients. this man should be in prison. instead he is a millionaire. the bylaw department always side with the rich and getting access to justice is impossible unless you own property. hamilton is only going to get worse, this place is fucking horrible.

Kathleen  
Ottawa  
Ontario

More repairs to existing housing stock and more RGI housing need to be added to housing stock as well accessible housing for the disabled.

HARI  
Toronto

Our landlord recently increased parking fees. Previously parking was supposed to be included with the rent, now to do more cheating they just excluded parking and rent as separate. There are extra charges for utilities as well. There are no value addition, carjacking, break and enter, cockroaches, bed bugs and all other problems are already there and ever increasing.

Where can I complain about this issue.

Vijay  
Toronto

Now a days, because Landlords are being given free rein to raise rents by hundreds of dollars overnight, they are sending false eviction notices to the existing tenants who are renting the places for more than 3 years in a row. This is just because the landlord wanted to rent this unit with increased rent to the new tenants.

I don't see this is fair, in any way. Govt need to take some action.

Sally  
Ottawa

While I am one of the lucky ones to have been in secure co-op housing my whole adult life, too many of my friends have not been as fortunate! People should not have to make the tough choice of putting a roof over their heads OR eating, for example. Nor should they have to choose between housing and health care. A friend of mine has essentially been homeless for a number of years despite having a full-time job! This is unacceptable! Housing should be a right! While I agree development is good, ALL development should inclusionary zoning and affordable housing for all! Thank you!

Dawn	Toronto	<p>As a student with a limited income, every time I have to move my heart is filled with dread. I've gone through three moves (not by choice) in the last four years and a high degree of stress and anxiety to find something within my budget.</p> <p>Each time it has gotten harder.</p> <p>I regularly pay more than 50% of my take home (including my current place), where another huge portion of my income is put toward school fees.</p> <p>I can't imagine a future in Toronto that I can afford to live in. I can't imagine a future in Ontario where I own a home. I'm looking at my options for relocating in other parts of Canada, perhaps closer to my family in the Western Provinces, when I'm finished my studies.</p>
Lori	Toronto	<p>The need for affordable housing is necessary in this city for our children and younger families and all families in need. Lowering regulations for developers is not the answer to assisting people who need housing in this city.</p>
OLIVIER	GATINEAU	<p>MORE SOCIAL HOUSING PLEASE ?</p>
Mavis	Ottawa	<p>Rents have been allowed to rise way past the level of wage increases, and more importantly, increases to welfare and government pensions have been very low, creating shortages of other things, like food and medicine. Some ACORN members have been forced into bankruptcy due to them borrowing money for food from Payday lenders. Please keep rent control, as it's the only thing keeping many people from becoming homeless. Also, please insist on a level of 25% Inclusionary Housing Zoning in the cities, as much low cost housing has been levelled for new rich condos, or turned into AirBnB units with rents into the stratosphere. Adjust the tax structure of housing to make low cost rentals, with the lowest level of tax. This means all 3 levels of government must work together to achieve this tax change, as presently no developer is building low cost housing, and we are losing more daily. Finally, have a better system of housing regulation, based on good maintenance practices in buildings that are inspected on a regular yearly basis, with reports on buildings made public for all to see. For</p>

developers with continual infractions, and repairs not completed, add fines to their taxes, and keep them from renting until repairs are completed and inspected by the City by law officers. For too long, developers have had no consequences to their shoddy practices and tenants have just had to accept their work, even if it was awful. We need trained by law officers to inspect and certify proper repairs. In order to have regular inspections and more officers, each rental unit should have a small charge applied, likely around \$12.00, that the landlord should pay as the cost of doing business, and covering the cost of inspections, making it revenue neutral, to the cities. In this way, building standards of repair and maintenance will be improved, and life for many tenants will be much less stressful. And rent increases would be less of a problem if wage increases (like minimum wage) matched dollar for dollar, not the silly and easily manipulated percentage way of calculation. In other words, if my rent went up \$40.00 a month, I would want my CPP to go up \$40.00 a month as well. It's estimated that the buying power of government pensions(ODSP , welfare benefits) has dropped by over 50% since their inception, and no party has bothered to rectify this glaring problem. This is the source of a lot of misery for poor people. Others, including ministers, got their raises, but the poor were left behind, and our society is moving backwards because of it, with increases in hunger, homelessness,bigger health costs, and less opportunities for youth. Protect the poor and increase the supports they need to function effectively in our society.

Pamela	ottawa	Our daughter (aged 21) is finding it impossible to locate affordable housing in Ottawa.
Alannah	Toronto	As a student with a part time job, I am entirely priced out of the rental market in Toronto. This is also true for the working poor and ODSP recipients in my life, who are or have been homeless due to the high cost of living. We desperately need more affordable housing. There are many political solutions, such as setting rental cost limits and mandating all new condo developments to set aside at least 10% of their properties to be affordable housing units. Less regulation is simply not the answer.
Dana	Scarborough	I'm 24 and a university graduate, vietically no options to move from home

Greta	Toronto	The cost of renting a home in Toronto and the GTA is extraordinarily prohibitive, such that I, a university-educated individual in their early twenties, fear that it will forever be impossible for me to move out of my parents' residence and move into a form of housing that I can afford in my own. The out of control nature of housing prices and the increasing cost of renting is not exclusive to Toronto, but has spread to the GTA as well. It is unfair to continue being on the side of speculators, and those who use housing as an investment opportunity. Affordable, clean, and safe housing should be a basic human right. It is time for renters to be prioritized and protected, not to continue the prohibitive practices of punishing those who are unable to purchase homes outright or finance a mortgage to own a home.
Andree	Ottawa	Stable housing is a fundamental prerequisite to everything else in a person's life (employment, health, education, etc...). We need more affordable housing options for individuals and families so that they're able to thrive in our society... Investments in affordable housing for low income families will save money spent in other areas and lead to a more healthy and productive society we can be proud to live in. Failure to make these investment now will cost us all in more ways than you can imagine.
Sharon	Toronto	I've had to move further from the core which means trying to maintain a car as transit is so time consuming. Rents are rising everywhere. I am less healthy as I walk less due to the inconvenience while shopping, socializing, skating, etc. Everything is further away. I may have to leave the city. I've lived here all my life and now, as an older adult, may have to leave. Dying with dignity also applies to living.
Ulla	Toronto	Not only is there not enough housing, but what there is, in some of them tenants don't have even the basic human rights like homes where you can live normal life and be able to sleep and even with the knowledge of them the city has done nothing for years, only drawn salaries from doing nothing! Also Landlord and Tenant board needs to be looked into desperately as things do not look right what's happening there.

Simone	Toronto	Rent is unaffordable in Toronto. We need to regulate Airbnb and to compel developers to build affordable housing units in condo high-rises. Furthermore we need to offer very attractive and permanent tax incentives for developers to build and manage low and mid-range priced rental buildings. Rent control is a must on all units. The status quo whereby the government has stepped back from its involvement in the encouragement of rental housing is clearly not working for the majority of renters in this province.
Jill	North York	On list for affordable housing for 7 years. Currently paying Market rent for A Batchelor with my Disability allowance. Have to use Food Bank to survive.
Tara	North York	Such hardships to find affordable, decent rent. It's Impossible!
Anna	Toronto	I think that it is a disgrace that Ontario is not assuring affordable housing for so many who need it. Please work to improve the situation and look on all renters as people and not voters. Everyone deserves a decent roof over their heads. Let's help those who need it and deserve it. If you are looking at the bottom dollar, it pays in the long run to have people leaving in decent accommodation. They can work harder and pay their taxes!
Dominique	Toronto	We need more housing security for tenants: regulation helps keep housing affordable. No more reno-victions. We need better protections for tenants!
Sonia	Sudbury	Rent should not be more than 60% of income when a) minimum wage is not a livable wage, b) pink tax means women pay more for no other reason than gender discrimination and c) many women still experience the gender pay gap! Shame on the government for not thinking about most single parent households, as they are run by women
Jessica	KITCHENER	Build more cooperative housing!
Katherine	Toronto	Rents are rising even in East York. A 1-bedroom unit in my building that becomes vacant is now going for over \$1500 (I pay just under \$1200 and a 2-bedroom which rents for \$1400 as a new rental will go for over \$2200 depending on the floor. This is common in the area and even worse downtown. Were I to move today or in the

near future, I would not be able to find an affordable unit in Toronto, never mind East York.

blair	Hollanding	When I lived in Toronto onto the housing is not adorable & what u people r trying to do drive all the people outside of Toronto onto hi cost rent nobuddy can pay nobody else can buy a home it's to make you loose at 80.000 at least chance to start over again the way the market is there is no chance
Nabeela	Mississauga	I have a full time job. I'm thirty years old. And I can't find affordable housing in Mississauga.
Matthew	Toronto	When I was a renter my apartment was lousy. I couldn't afford even that kind of apartment today.
Kathy	Toronto	Every month I pay \$819.00 for the rent of one bedroom unit at Toronto Housing Corporation. As a pensioner, I've received \$1613. Even though, I feel lucky to have the place to call home but I struggle to get by in my golden age. We need to have affordable housing!
Sergey	Toronto	More affordable housing More one or two bedrooms Taking only 20 percent of my income bills I can save some one More community programs
Bonny	Kitchener	Safe and affordable housing should be accessible to everyone, not just the rich. People on assistance are given such a low amount of money that we are forced to live in conditions most people would not subject the family pet to live in. Market rent is well above the total amount of money anyone living on a pension receives. Waiting lists for accessible housing are impossibly long with wait times often over 6 years for a single person without children and over 4 years with a child. Deregulating the development process benefits developers and does adds to the problem of who is going to provide affordable housing. The government MUST regulate affordable housing. When housing costs go up it will cost the government more money to fund the housing it already provides. It seems counterproductive to allow developers profits to soar at the cost of taxpayers money while providing even less affordable housing for low income citizens.

Sylvia	Ottawa	<p>There are vacant buildings near McArthur and River Road. They are boarded up and look like they are about to fall apart. The target in Saint Laurent blvd is still vacant and has been for 2 or 3 years now. How can you say there is no land to build housing? There are probably many vacant and decrepid buildings in the city city but millions go into hotel living or shelters instead of building homes. Ottawa housing is old and very little new construction that I am aware despite commitment from CMHC to fund. Build housing and offer nursing, social workers, drug treatment and safe injection sites and affordable daycare and soup kitchen's and community services within buildings or areas. You are paying crooks big money and they are profiting and human beings are stuck in grinding poverty with no help of affordable education or a better future which likely does contribute to gangs and crime. BUILD HOUSING and stop lying that there is no land or place because some city councillors appear to be fighting for gentrification of neighbourhoods and would chase the poor out of town if given permission to do so.</p>
Karen	Oshawa	<p>I am a senior female renting in Durham Region. My landlord takes 70.09% of my pension for rent which leaves me with barely enough money to get by on. We are all hard working Canadians and I believe that every person earning less than \$30,000.00 per annum should have their rent subsidized by our government. Its an easy thing to do and would provide money for proper nutrition and other necessities to persons who pay taxes and need the help. Please Listen!!!</p>
Donald	Hamilton	<p>Difficult. I'm 74 yrs. old; I'm fortunate to have found one of the few geared-to-income seniors' buildings. Prior to that I lived in older buildings with problem tenants and bad atmospheres. We need more decent rental units for young and old.</p>
Andrea	Dundas	<p>I'm 52 and single with medical issues. I've had to move into a RV because I can no longer afford to pay rent , food and medical expenses. I'm struggling in the RV it's very cold and I have nowhere to go.Why?</p>
sikeria	toronto	<p>Toronto is becoming more and more unaffordable for working class families. This is contrary to Canada's vision, attraction and mandate to welcome hard working people (immigrants). How can anyone have a better life in any country when housing is unstable. New</p>



AFFORDABLE Housing needs to be build and allocated for those who earn below \$80k annually. It's not about temp shelter for the visible homeless. We can prevent Toronto residents/families from getting into that grey area or becoming homeless. Period!

Jeannette	Toronto	We spend more than 35% of our income on rent and for that we live with bugs and grossness. We are severely under-housed living in a 2 bedroom apartment because we couldn't afford anything more. I live with my daughter and her son & daughter. We should live in a 4 bedroom but just can't afford it. Something has to be done and soon. We are on a waiting list for affordable housing and have been for 5 years or more and we are told it could be more than 15 years before we can even be considered. This just isn't right.
Don	Ottawa	The rent is in most cases unaffordable
Austin	Ottawa	It is the duty of any just government, sincerely working for the working people it claims to represent, to secure affordable housing and shelter for those in need.  As citizens of Canada and residents of Ontario we deserve as much.
Hugette	Cornwall	Since I sold my house in 1992 by a divorce . I been renting . Every landlord wants there rent paid & increase every year & refuse to do maintenance Are work wages doesn't go up by much. Cost of life does. I been working all my life And pay rent in a regular apart building. And yet. Welfare gets a low rent & a nice or new apart building when they dont work. Single people & single family that work should get that low rent & new building.
MARY ELLEN	TORONTO	Here in Parkdale we are threatened by gentrification, spilling over from West Queen West and Liberty Village. Low and moderate renters like me deserve to be protected in the homes we have lived in for many years. And other low and moderate income renters deserve access to affordable rent too.
Colleen	Elora	In the area I live if you can find a rental at all it is prohibitive in costs. There are viewings for potential rentals that draw bigger crowds and more competition than open houses for homes for sale. Real estate prices need to come down in order for rents to come down, they

are tied together. Landlords should not be able to arbitrarily decide to sell your rental out from under you, renters need more protection.

Sedina	Toronto	Rents are skyrocketing in Toronto. The government needs to step in.
Taylyn	Ottawa	It's challenging to find a place that's affordable for one person who wants to live on their own.
Florence	Toronto	We can't afford any more. Toronto, ontaOnt for the he fact is already barely liveable. If Mr. Ford continues on this path his legacy shall be he created, single handelyh, the worst homeless population Ontario has ever seen. Put that in your history books.
Stephanie	Hamilton	I have rented for more than 35 years in Ontario. For 4 years I lived in a mixed-income housing Co-op in Ottawa, where I was safe and properly housed. Now in Hamilton, I have a nice apartment that is affordable, but the house it is in has been flipped 4 times in 5 years. I have had 2 very irresponsible owners who are in it solely for the money and haven't performed necessary repairs. One threatened to lie about renovations to evict me, simply because I asked to have a window repaired. I cannot afford to move now, with rents having skyrocketed in the past 4 years. I am 66, responsible, reliable - and trapped.
David	Ottawa	Rents have become unaffordable in Ontario. We need strict rent controls and improved property standards. Landlords should be licensed and lose their right to own rental buildings if they fail to maintain them.  Housing is a necessity in our province. No one should be profiteering from it.
Allan	Ottawa	I live with my wife and baby in a one bedroom apartment that does not meet many property standards, we have had representatives from a bank come to change the locks, and hydro has warned they are shutting off power because of our negligent landlord. We cannot afford a better apartment.
Timothy	Toronto	I am a middle class tenant who votes and needs your help. I need rent control and a strong oversight body to

protect me and my family.

Deborah Lindsay

Finding decent housing, with rent so high, landlords refusing all pets, let alone full time jobs is so strenuous for most people. Being single, with no one to help with just basic living makes everyday a worry, constant stress, never feeling safe and stable is not a way to live! Looking for affordable housing, or rent geared to income, I am always told there is a 5 year waiting list! It's terrifying, being older I am so very much afraid of my future. Sadly, way too many hard working people like myself feel condemned. Our government needs to have more control of greedy landlords and start looking after its people who desperately need assistance!

Douglas Ottawa

I have been struggling for over five years on ODSP, but 75% of my income goes directly to rent! I have been on a subsidized housing list for 6 years, and have little hope that I will ever get help with my costs.

When I first started receiving ODSP for serious depression, I pledged to myself that I would make myself get better and get off social assistance as soon as possible. Unfortunately, the only ODSP-related employment agency in Centretown Ottawa didn't know anything about my profession (Graphic Design) and after about three years, I gave up trying to get work through them - they didn't even say 'good luck'.  
**I WANTED TO WORK!!**

Being unable to find work, or afford anything other than a subsistence life has actually extended my depression and introduced additional issues that make my recovery much more difficult. I have limitations on my ability to tolerate a full-time job now, and doubt I will ever work again.

If the Province had effectively helped me retrain or get part-time jobs (without their efforts getting lost in red-tape, impractical deadlines and 'protocol') I would have gotten off ODSP by now and actually saved the Province money.

ALSO: I live in a non-profit low-rent housing unit and my rent increases more than my ODSP increases annually! I get no allowance for internet (so I can both search for and apply for work - standard practice now). I originally moved to Centretown so that I could get rid of my car and walk to

work. Now, however, I don't even get a discount on OCTranspo because I don't use the transit enough to get a pass, so I have to pay the full fare.

I feel that the Province of Ontario has betrayed me by not REALLY helping me in realistic ways, just making it look to their constituents that they are helping.

My depression continues as a result and it's only a matter of time before I become homeless.

Margaret	Newmarket	There is no way that people should be living on the streets or hopelessly stuck ,unable to freely move ,subsidies should go with them not hold them ,rents and wages are not compatible ,Housing is a right not a privilege or a luxury . Government should set the example ,for safety and health .
karen	Ottawa	The lack of affordable housing coupled with woefully inadequate social assistance rates is keeping people in poverty and sentencing their children to a life of poverty. On top of that, it is costing the health care and criminal justice systems because poverty makes people sick! When are you going to learn that policies that promote further economic inequality only divide and destroy communities so that only a few can live well?

Katherine Toronto

City of Toronto fails low income people who are forced to chose between spending money on eating healthy and paying rent.

Homeowners are greedy by renting their homes as a AirBnB and as a result creates lack of options for renters seeking homes. Due to the housing crisis, a decision by City of Toronto should be made today to end AirBnB rentals in Toronto!

The condos which are remaining unsold and unrented need to be set aside for First Nations and Canadian Peoples- and the rent set at Market Average Rent or Rent Geared to Income.

City of Toronto's 2019 Market Average Rent monthly rental number's are not accurate! The monthly rents are much higher on the market, which needs to change now! Homeowners are going wild with the high rents! Shameful!

TCHC's Special Priority process, is greatly flawed as tenants who are applying within the Safety At Risk subcategory are at risk of further physical, emotional, mental and spiritual abuses because TCHC does not allow for tenants to chose which area they need to be moved to. Survivors of traumatic incidents, cannot be subjected to such blatant disregard for their lives anymore! TCHC head office needs to make amendments to the polices and align it to the Ombudsmen's recommendations set out in "An Investigation into Toronto Community Housing Corporation's Medical and Safety at Risk Priority Transfer Process For Tenants dated January 24, 2018.

Previously, TCHC's Operating Unit employees worked with tenants by processes their Special Priority applications, whereas now Head Office has taken the steps to hire additional employees to review and process applications. The previous way was more effective as the Operating Unit employees already have a rapport with tenants and know the needs of how to deal with the applications in a timely matter. This behavior is evident in the statements on page 18 and 19 are from Operating Unit staff who were interviewed; "99. One said that they ask tenants on what ground they are applying and why they want to move. They also told us that they try to explain to tenants the level detail they should include "so that

[applications] come back truly supporting what [the tenant's] needs are."

"101. Other site staff said that they review the tenant's building choices with them, to ensure they have chosen enough locations, and that the selected locations are consistent with the tenant's stated medical or safety needs. The applications were more effectively processed through Operating Units and should be in the near future."

Stop discriminating First Nations and Canadians by failing to create new housing for them and not opening new spaces to keep them off the streets, especially in the cold!!

Joanna            Ottawa            I work with so many people who are spending 60-90% of their income on housing- then using our food banks and charity to buy winter clothing, food and toiletries. We need to protect our rooming houses. We need a concerted effort to consolidate and coordinate homeless services. We just need to build units and give incentives to build housing and rental housing.

Loretta            Ottawa            I am a recently retired senior, living with my partner, also a retiree. We live in Westboro Housing Coop, in Westboro, Ottawa, Ontario. The development in this community - gentrification - means many renters have been displaced by infills, without any place to go; no affordable housing in the core of the City. The Ontario government needs to work with the Federal government to ensure existing social housing providers, such as Coops, non profit housing corporation have the political and financial assistance and expertise of both levels of government to ensure the viability of existing housing, and work towards the the creation of new units. Removing rent control on new buildings will not mean greater affordability. In our community, new 2 bedroom apartments, are in the \$3,000 range, well out of the range of middle class and lower middle class to afford these outrageous rents. You also have a responsibility towards the majority of Ontarians, whose average household income is in the \$66,000 or below. I believe this was never a election issue, but done after the fact, once your government came into power; an action which I consider undemocratic and mean spirited. I would strongly urge your government to reverse this action, and to provide an equitable future for all Ontarians, especially those in the greatest need, like myself and my

family. Sincerely, Loretta Fleming,

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| Janice  | Bobcaygeon | <p>Without rent controls landlords not only increase rents without rational they also increase subsidiary services like parking or heating again without rational. You never get to see their actual costs and rational for increases they just increase with abandon and never justify why</p> <p>As an example parking went from \$25.00 monthly to \$55.00 and no notice or reason given. Heat levels are at landlords whims and for seniors, in particular this is a problem. Keep landlords accountable as otherwise you will have more homeless. Seniors pensions don't increase without rational why allow rents to increase without rational?</p>  |
| Alicia  | Toronto    | <p>I am a full-time working single mother living in community. The conditions are deplorable and inhumane. The entire building is infested with cockroaches and other pests. The elevators often break down. The fire alarms go off regularly in the middle of the night. I have also been cautioned by other residents to keep my young son safe because of the gang activities in or around the buildings (2 and 5 Brahms Ave.). However, I am unable to move out because I cannot afford to pay more than \$1,300 a month for rent. This is not only a housing crisis but it is also a human rights crisis.</p>   |
| Barbara | Ottawa     | <p>I have worked my whole adult life, and never received welfare. I have usually worked at minimum wage jobs. My kitchen job paid me \$400 every two weeks and my rent was \$725/month (my portion), plus I needed bus fare, so I took up babysitting to afford my bus pass and to eat a little. When minimum wage went up to 11.25, I changed jobs to one with more consistent hours. I made between \$600 &amp; 700 every two weeks, but had to give up most babysitting jobs. We moved in to a townhome and now my rent is \$675 (my half) and as a supervisor I make \$800/pay. After working for 15 years, I only now just make enough that my rent is not half or more of my pay. We can't move though, because rent control was keeping costs down and most 1 bedroom apartments cost more than our townhome. A quick search shows bachelor apartments at over \$725, the cost of my initial one bedroom.</p> |

Karen	Port Dover	If I cannot afford to live in my house one day where will I live? On the street! I am a senior and I certainly hope not.
Alison	Mississauga	We have very seriously contemplated moving to the East Coast due to the cost of living in Ontario. Rent eats a huge chunk of our paycheques every month and prevents us from dreaming of a future - one that might include children, or perhaps retiring some day. We deserve to keep SOME of the money we earn for ourselves, not spend it all on housing!
Katrina	Ottawa	I live in Ottawa. We don't need more condominiums here. We need housing cooperatives. We need affordable housing. If you leave it up to the developers, they'll just build more expensive condos.
Sharon	Kingston	We are landlords and keep our rent affordable because we know that there are so many people who can't find affordable housing. We as landlords are already privileged, we can do better by protecting tenants who may not have landlords who see the importance of keeping rents manageable.
Tabatha	Delhi	We need more affordable housing
Cheryl	Hamilton	I am a resident of Hamilton Ontario. I care for my 74 yr. old mother full time. I applied for affordable, suitable housing back in 2016. Instead of affordable housing I ended up homeless with mom. We were homeless living in a camper trailer and came close to dying one night with the heater. We could not find a place that was affordable, and were repeatedly turned down by Property Management. There existed absolutely no place we could realistically afford without using a food bank to eat. The prices out there are far beyond what mom & I can afford and it's even more impossible when I search for suitable for a senior with a walker. We now reside in a duplex that is affordable, and we live each day beyond our means. Every month we get closer to an eviction once again, and being homeless. It must change NOW. It's impossible to survive. Cheryl & Margie
Mariël	Chatham	Housing has become unaffordable for far too many Ontarians. the conservatives have not solved the problem, only made it worse.



Miriam	Mississauga	Freeze Rents for Minimum wage earners! Rent keeps increasing and Minimum wage is not increasing! We pay are taxes and we are working and contributing.
steven	Toronto	Paying way to much for the unit and its not worth it \ many slum lords and management making it unsafe to live ...as well when the price of living goes up nothing is fixed and people who can't afford units end up on the streets its a domino effect its the best interest of government to implement affordable housing or all those homeless people will end up sick and dying in hospitals and on the street which in turn makes it more costly for the government in long term
Tricia	Lindsay	Last year I was removed from my apartment due to landlord selling it and new owners stated they wanted to move in, 10 months later the house is up for sale, they never lived in it!
Claudia	Windsor	I am on ODSP. It is almost impossible to find housing I can afford. And the wait for subsidized housing is years long
Rebecca	Toronto	I have been in my apartment for eight years and it is the only reason I am able to afford my rent. I am trapped now, for if I leave I lose everything. I am suffering from health problems partly due to my prior occupation and WSIB likes to make excuses and play waiting games, leaving me dependant on my government to help. However the help is below minimum, and wouldn't even cover the cost of renting a room in a bug infested crack house. That's with the system in place now. After these changes I may lose the only shelter I can afford and I am trying to reeducate myself for future employment. There are many of us contributing members of society who are being let down by our greedy government. Don't mess with our rent.
Tammy	Caledonia	the landlords are greedy and personally i get \$742 a month which is suppose to cover the rent and utilities but my rent is \$900 and my utilities.
Wendy	Orangeville	This is a real consern to many people in ontaro as well as my self and my family ..we are renting in orangeville ontario and can barely pay our 1350.00 plus utility aprox 400. Per. Month for our 1970s town house .. Our landlords have been wonderful but will be selling this home in the next year and we cannot afford the rents

people are asking for the average is 1550.00 and upwards to 2000.00plus utilities ..my husband is retired and is ill my son who is 36 is dissabled . im forced to work part time to care for them .this leaves us in a tough situation with out rent controls landlords can charge whatever they want ..

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| Sasha   | Niagara Falls | <p>The rental prices in Niagara are outrageous!!! I am a single mother of 2, I was self employed for a few years before starting university. I was stuck living in a dangerous area for years because rental prices are just too expensive. I couldn't afford to move. The prices are skyrocketing for rent while wages are stagnant and job opportunities are minimal. I am truly looking to move out of Ontario this year, because the cost of living in Ontario is just so expensive and even with my diploma jobs are scarce.</p> <p>Sincerely a concerned Ontarian</p> |
| Shirley | Barrie        | <p>We are in our eighties and live in a one bedroom We pay 1169.00 a month plus hydro. By the time we pay our bills there is nothing left over. We live month to month. There is no seniors apartment in Barrie , 10 year wait for low income . Why hasn't the government done more. Why isn't there rent control on all buildings ?</p> <p>We need lower rents and decent places to live.</p>  |
| Deborah | Stoneycreek   | <p>Please build housing for low income</p>  |
| Mary    | Ottawa        | <p>I'm 58 ,female and living in my car. I have shitty credit therefore can't be housed. The wait for subsidy is 12 yrs. I would love to have my own home where my grown children and grandchildren can visit and have a normal life,not this shit of unaffordable housing. I believe it's time for civil war against the people ruining our lives and treating ppl with disabilities like trash.</p>  |
| Karen   | Toronto       | <p>You need to put an end to one particular Corp, buying up apts and priceing tenants out of their homes, that's why there is no affordable houseing, cause your not stopping it in the first place, get of the fucking pot</p>   |

Marc	toronto	<p>I am urging the Provincial Government along with the Toronto municipal and federal governments to commit to significantly increase affordable housing, especially in Toronto, where it's been almost exclusively upper end condos and "monster homes" for almost 30 years. (If I correctly recall), in the '70s, people in Ontario tended to spend around 15% of their income on housing, whereas in the last decade or so, it's well over 25%, and higher for the working poor.</p> <p>If we have sustainable and affordable low cost alternatives to housing, social challenges like homelessness, ghettoization (poor and recent immigrants being concentrated in substandard housing), and crime would at much lower levels. Thank you.</p>
K.	Burlington	<p>There is a desperate need for mixed income housing. Following my escape from an abusive relationship I was compelled to flee with my children to a fully subsidized housing complex. That complex was the most disfunctional, unsafe and dangerous housing situation for a single mom and her two toddlers.</p>
J	Ottawa	<p>Housing First should be done. The same one used in New York city. They have less than 1% homeless people there. Wake up!</p>
Chantel	Hamilton	<p>Rents were already unaffordable. Now they are just simply unrealistic. We need guidelines put in place that work for the people not just the developers. The purpose of the RTA is to protect tenants from unlawful rent increases and unlawful evictions yet I feel our Government and Elite are undermining the voices of our most vulnerable and ignoring vital needs of your community. I hope they find love in their hearts and can protect those that need them to survive never mind the one who thrive. We are talking about human lives not the LRT.</p>