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The Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) Canada is a multi-issue, membership-based community union of low- and moderate-income people. We believe that social and economic justice can best be achieved by building community power.

THE EROSION OF EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In 2022, 1.7 million households (3.3 million people) were living in core housing need (CMHC, 2025). Meanwhile, we are losing affordable rentals faster than we are building them:

- Canada's total non market housing stock is (3.5%) shamefully low when compared to other OECD countries (6.9%).
- Between 2016–2021, Canada lost 230,000 affordable rental units (CHEC, 2022)
- For every affordable housing unit built we are losing anywhere from 11 - 30 units of affordable housing depending on the region (Pomeroy, 2024).
- Over 235,000 people face homelessness (Stats Canada, 2023)

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

In 2024, the federal government released the first ever Renters' Bill of Rights, to protect tenants. Now we need to fight to ensure it includes National Tenant Rights Standards tied to federal housing funding.

More recently the new federal government created Build Canada Homes (BCH) a nation building project geared toward building housing. However, with an unclear mandate we need to ensure it targets building non market housing for those in core housing need. This also can be leveraged to ensure provincial, territorial and municipal partners uphold national standards if they receive any funding or incentives.

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ACORN CALLS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PRIORITISE THE BUILDING OF NEW AFFORDABLE NON-MARKET SUPPLY!



ACORN DEMANDS:

LEVERAGE FEDERAL HOUSING FUNDING TO REQUIRE PROVINCES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO MEET TENANT PROTECTION STANDARDS TO ENSURE SECURITY OF TENURE FOR ALL RENTERS AND STOP THE EROSION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. (SIMILAR TO CANADA EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE ACT AND NATIONAL HEALTH ACT) INCLUDING:

- **Rent control with no loopholes.**
- **Bans on no-fault evictions** (such as abusive landlord-use evictions)
- **Standardized leases**
- **Bans on fixed-term lease abuse**
- **Ban renovictions.**
- **Regulation to end tenant harassment** (ignoring maintenance requests, neglecting unit upkeep, threatening eviction, offering cash for keys, etc)
- Ensure Build Canada Homes funding prioritizes adequate, non-market housing for tenants in core housing need.
- Tighten regulations on banks, CMHC, and public pension funds so that they stop financing corporate landlords who purchase with the intent to harm the existing market rental housing stock by increasing rents and displacing tenants.
- All green infrastructure retrofit partnerships from government agencies such as the Canadian Infrastructure Bank or CMHC must include affordability and anti-eviction covenants so that the money for retrofits does not lead to loss of affordable market rental housing through uncontrolled rent increases and renovictions.
- Ensure tenants have the Right to Organize by protecting tenants who are organizing from retaliatory actions by landlords and ensure that landlords are required to meet with tenant collectively

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