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June 22, 2023

## **To the Chair and Members of Peel Regional Council**

It's critical we stop the loss of low-cost rental housing AND aggressively add supply of market, affordable and deeply affordable housing.

The data has shown that to restore affordability in rental housing, Canada will need around 1.74 million units of purpose-built rental housing ( so far Canada has only built 570,000 units in the last 30 years). Building this much rental housing would cost at least \$609 billion. Unless all levels of government are prepared to invest that much, we do need private investment included in the execution of affordable rentals.

So, In addition to my delegation to you today, I'd like to propose the following seven solutions that may be considered by councils as well as in your advocacy to the other levels of government:

1. Make purchasing existing rental housing less economically attractive – one option to do this would be to tax purchases of rental housing by private investors above a certain number of units (to target large-scale purchases), or tax the profits from those purchases.
2. Create an acquisition fund to allow NFP's to purchase and renovate rental housing and protect low-cost rental. BC recently announced a program like this and as soon as it was announced, apartment owners and REITS started coming out of the woodwork to sell older buildings.
3. Continue to create economic incentives to build – make it more attractive for the private and non-profit sectors to build using accelerated capital cost allowance, low-income housing tax credits and other finance or tax tools available to the region and your municipalities.
4. Push the province to put in place tenant protections to prevent renoviction. This could be potentially achieved as part of those infrastructure and housing investment negotiations.
5. Advocate to have the federal government revamp the National Housing Strategy to generate at least 350,000 deeply affordable/rent geared to income housing units including 50,000 units of supportive housing.
6. Advocate to other levels of government and continue to provide urgent rent relief for low-income households. We are under a wave of new homelessness as people are being pushed out of their housing by huge increases in the cost of rent and cost of living. The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness proposed the creation of a Homelessness Prevention and Housing Benefit that could stop or at least significantly slow the deadly wave of new homelessness we are experiencing and protect low-income people until new housing can be built. It will be far more expensive to solve homelessness after it happens than it is to prevent it in the first place.

7. Advocate to have the Canada Housing Benefit revamped. Three-quarters of people in core housing need are there only temporarily. Housing benefits can be used to provide temporary affordability support and responding to sudden changes in housing need or affordability, leveraging existing private and near-market housing.

Thank you,

Michelle Bilek