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National Housing Strategy Team
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)

RE: NATIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY

I urge the government of Canada through CMHC to address the concerns, anxiety, fear, and anger of co-op housing member's that have complaints about poor or bad governance and/or management of housing co-operatives across Canada. Co-op housing member(s) who reside in housing co-operatives are in need of an "Ombudsman" funded perhaps by the government that will review and investigate complaints that may find resolution at an affordable cost.

A process that is transparent with impartiality and fairness that has no association or affiliation with co-op housing stakeholders that include CHF Canada and its sole partner the Agency for Co-operative Housing,

In my view, those two aforementioned co-op stakeholder pander to co-op housing board of directors and co-op staff

In my view, politicians, co-op housing lobbyist, and bureaucracy at the federal, provincial, and municipal levels of government appears to be opposed to providing individual co-op housing member's remedies under law...that are affordable to people with modest or low incomes. Two examples in Ontario are:

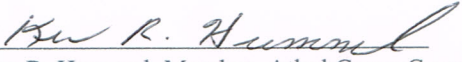
Bill 7 (Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016.) Second reading was carried on September 28, 2016.
Bill 7 has no provisions that provide co-op housing member's the same rights under law that tenant's of landlord's have at the Ontario Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB)

Bill 14 (Non-profit Housing Co-operative Statute Law Amendment Act, 2013) was proclaimed into law on June 1, 2014. This law does not allow co-op housing member's to file applications to seek remedies for maintenance, housing charges, and harassment issues at the LTB. Tenants of Landlord's are permitted to file applications to seek remedies on those issues at the LTB. Co-op members' are not permitted to file applications at the LTB.

In my view, parliamentarians pandered to co-op housing lobbyist in support of Bill 14...

In conclusion, co-op housing members' across Canada are in need of an Ombudsman.

Sincerely,


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