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The Honourable Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
100 Strowger Boulevard, Suite 101  
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**Re: Request to meet to discuss affordable housing solutions**

Dear Minister Clark,

Thank you for the efforts you and your government have made since coming into office to consult and find solutions to solve Ontario's affordable housing crisis. We believe there are creative and effective options available and the private non-profit housing corporations can play an important role.

As a joint partnership of four of the largest private non-profit housing corporations in Ontario, we would like to meet to better understand the direction your government is heading, while at the same time, provide the advantage of our sector experience to assist in the decision-making process.

In the past, you have stressed the importance of hearing from those who are on the frontline as you look for efficiencies and options to reduce red tape. We are on the frontline of community housing. We manage assets located in 10 major centres across the province and invest significantly in real estate development. Further, we invest hundreds of millions in our City's economies through contracts with local tradespersons and suppliers, as well as through the payment of municipal property taxes. We are unique from public housing providers as we are governed by private volunteer boards with members who are professionals in a broad range of sectors, from health care, banking, communications, law, social services and more. Through their oversight they ensure we have the right people to manage our businesses to best serve our communities. We have access to information that would be helpful to you and bring a unique voice to the conversation.

The people in organizations like ours and our partners, are hungry for information. There is uncertainty related to funding for affordable housing in the future. We are unsure how we will be supported to leverage our assets to develop housing initiatives that can positively impact entire communities. We don't know what work is in progress to reduce or remove barriers to development funding. In the absence of information in these areas there is uncertainty in planning our direction for the future. We offer our assistance and support to help you provide this information and set expectations for those with whom we work.

There are creative and effective solutions for affordable housing. We have capacity, resiliency and depth that is not solely dependant on government operating subsidies to create positive impact in our communities.

To confirm your availability and arrange meeting details, **please contact Margie Carlson at 416-884-7224 or by email at [mcarlson@interfaithhomes.ca](mailto:mcarlson@interfaithhomes.ca).**

We look forward to connecting with you in the weeks to come.

Sincerely,

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