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Good Day

I am sending this short email , on the need for affordable housing in Cambridge and Waterloo Region.

With the Skyrocketing Rents in our area it is making it harder and harder for families to find affordable housing. It is extremely difficult for those that are disadvantaged, or do not make a living wage to find somewhere affordable to live. This causes our tent Cities ,Families living in motels or over housing in a home for example 2-3 families sharing a house. The need is great in our Region . People have to decide if they are eating or paying the rent. I see this Daily as I belong to several Facebook Groups that help those that need or ask for it such as clothes, and food as they have to pay high rent and cannot afford to eat or feed their families , our food banks only give out certain amount of times and not enough to sustain a family. The waiting Lists are long and the need is more than what is available currently, I personally believe every new build or multiunit renovation should be giving over a unit to several units that are rent geared to income . so we can have good diversity in the population of an area, We should not just provide housing for those that can come in and afford a high rent but also those that work hard and still cannot afford a decent place to call home in our current economy. I myself have lived in poverty being First nations and I have experienced it in my adult life as well . I was able to get Rent geared to income but only once I became homeless when forced to decide to feed my children and pay the rent. But the problem was I had to live in a tent in a relatives back yard to get that help because the need was so great then and that was 20 years ago . Now the need is much greater. We Need more Affordable housing Now .

Thank you for listening to me

Regards

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