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To whom it may concern,

As someone who has grown up in the tricity (Kitchener, Waterloo & Cambridge) It's very obvious many are struggling with finding a home in the rent market. Working in retail & being an active member in the community, I hear many sharing they can't seem to find a place that's affordable. It seems to be an increasing issue for many. There needs to be something done. The homeless problem will only continue to rise. Students, new citizens, the elderly, parents - all struggle with affordable housing. I'm very lucky to be in housing right now. However, I still had to wait over 5 years for a home. I paid \$1510 - \$1619 prior. On top of other monthly costs, as a single mother. Then as a family of 4. Anyone can struggle at anytime as well. The pandemic proved that. This city would greatly benefit from more affordable housing. Otherwise I fear more problems are to come in the housing/rent market.

Sincerely,
Emily Carroll