

HOWARD MOSCOE



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To: The Chair and Members of the Board of Health

Re: Bedbugs

I am writing to ask you to declare "bedbugs" to be a health hazard. One of my Toronto City Housing buildings is infested with these creatures. I am including photographs of children who are afraid to go to sleep because their apartment is infested. The Toronto Housing Company has sprayed but they advise me that there is nothing that they can do unless the Health Department declares bedbugs to be a health hazard.

Can you imagine the mental anguish of parents who put their children to bed at night knowing that they will wake up with bites all over their bodies I have residents who are unable to obtain a transfer from this building because of the present way the regulations treat a bedbug infestation.

Furthermore, residents can and do refuse to allow their units to be sprayed so that it is impossible to spray the entire building. Even after a unit is sprayed the infestation quickly migrates from infested units back into the treated units. In a public housing building furniture that is thrown out quickly finds its way back into other units. It has proven to be an impossible situation and will remain so until the Board of Health declares bedbugs to be a health hazard.

Thank you for your consideration of this.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Howard Moscoe".

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