



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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Member of Provincial Parliament
Davenport

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Executive Committee
City of Toronto
c/o Kelly McCarthy (Secretariat contact)
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Dear Mayor Ford and Members of the Executive Committee,

**Re: EX32.23, Tenant Issues Related to the Residential Tenancies Act - Motion MM33.8
referred by City Council on May 7, 2013**

I write today in support of Councillor Perruzza's motion that requests the Government of Ontario discontinue the exemption pertaining to rent increases for residential units built or occupied after November 1, 1991.

It is unfair that tenants living in residential apartments and condominiums built after 1991 are not protected by the same rent control guidelines as other tenants in Ontario. This has created a two-tier system of tenant protection in Ontario where some tenants have no protection from large and arbitrary rental increases.

This loophole in tenant protection is also inflating rents across our city and so it has an impact right across Toronto and across the province. As elected representatives, we know that Toronto is already an incredibly expensive city to live in. We are seeing skyrocketing rental costs create a city where too many people are living on the edge, are being pushed out of our city, or are falling into poverty. It is our responsibility to work to address these problems.

Fixing this simple loophole in the law will help protect tenants and help make housing more affordable and secure for thousands of Torontonians. Simply put, the provincial government needs to take action to ensure that all Ontario tenants living in buildings, mobile home parks, and land lease communities are covered by the rent control guidelines in the Building Code Act, 1992 and the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006.

I am urging you to add your voice to this discussion and to support this motion to protect all tenants in Ontario.

Regards,

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