

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Budget Committee  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen St. W., 10<sup>th</sup> floor, West Tower  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

**Re: 'In from the Cold' Program**

Chair and Members of the Budget Committee,

We are often told that the measure of any society is how it treats its most vulnerable.

I urge you strongly to reconsider your decision not to fund the 'In from the Cold' program. It's tough enough to walk around this city, as a human being, seeing the begging on the streets and knowing how many children live below the poverty line in Toronto. If I have to add to that the knowledge that my city can't even give warmth to people who otherwise will freeze to death on the streets – I'm not sure how I would feel living in such a city.

Toronto is such a rich city. The amount being discussed is less than 0.005% of the total budget. In a city with shiny towers soaring ever further into the sky - surely we can afford this small bit of civility.

Sincerely,  
**Urbanspace Property Group Ltd.**

Margaret Zeidler  
President

Cc: Mayor John Tory