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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as Fraternity President of Kappa Kappa Gamma to request that you vote against item LS25.2 at the Toronto City Council meeting. We believe Kappa Kappa Gamma is being misrepresented with its comparison to unregulated rooming houses. As an international organization whose criterion for membership is based on high ideals and an allegiance to core values, we institute those same considerations for the housing we provide to our members. Our Fraternity, chapter and alumnae leadership govern strongly with the duty of care and obedience to make prudent and sound decisions with regard to housing. Safety and compliance are mandatory of our local house corporation boards in order to meet the insurance requirements of the organization. As a private organization responsible for insuring all of our locally owned campus properties, we are held to a much higher standard of care and appropriate property management.

The local house corporation boards meet these requirements through completion of regular life safety and code inspections, house assessment checklists, annual house orientation meetings, enforcement of house rules and proper emergency procedure plans. There are also reporting requirements to the Housing Department at our international Headquarters office so oversight and support are achieved at the larger Fraternity level.

We also celebrate the community aspect of housing within our organization. There is a significant focus on learning, both with regard to achievement at the highest academic level within the classroom as well as through the cultivation of life skills within the chapter house setting. Maintaining a Kappa Kappa Gamma chapter house allows us a unique experience where various people with differing cultures and methodologies form one community in which we strive to understand and celebrate the individuality of all who enter there. That authentic aspiration to learn from those within our communities is undoubtedly demonstrated by how our chapter at the University of Toronto respects and gives back to its neighbors within the municipality.

It is with the utmost pride that we support the chapter and local house corporation board members who have sustained this property on Madison Avenue for over 40 years. They have upheld our values while adhering to appropriate safety standards to make this a "home away from home" for our sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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