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Hello Marilyn

Please accept this email from LOFT community services in support of Councillor Wong-Tam's motion.

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To Mayor John Tory and Toronto City Councillors:

LOFT Community Services, A large supportive housing provider in Toronto wants to extend our strong voice and support to Councillor Wong-Tam's motion,

Request to the Government of Canada to Commit to National Mental Health Parity and to Invest \$900M Per Year to Address Toronto's Mental Health and Addictions Crises.

We have seen the power of deep inter-governmental commitments and partnerships to address the complex needs of people facing homelessness in Toronto.

As the co-lead of The Access Point, a coordinated access service for people looking for supportive housing with mental health and addiction challenges, we face the overwhelming need every day.

With a global trend of people moving to urban centers, Toronto must be a leader in creating dignified, quality supportive housing for people who are homeless with mental health and addiction challenges.

We know that mental health and addictions contribute significantly to creating chronic homelessness. The federal goal will not be achieved without Toronto's success. Toronto must invest more stable, annual funding so we serve those who are homelessness and living with mental health and addictions through better community-oriented services and the creation of, at

least, our current goal of 18,000 new supportive housing units.

For these reasons and more, we are pleased to see Councillor Wong-Tam's motion calling for immediate, annual funding from our federal government. Toronto cannot tackle this alone.

LOFT Community Services commends Councillor Wong-Tam for bringing this motion forward. We trust that all City Councillors and the Mayor support it.

Sincerely,
Heather McDonald
CEO, LOFT Community Services

Sent from my iPhone