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Planning and Housing Committee
City of Toronto,
10th floor, West Tower, City Hall
100 Queen St. West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Committee members,

Re: Vital Service Disruptions in Apartment Buildings (PH5.6)

I am writing on behalf of the Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario (ACTO) in support of the recommendations of the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards in response to Council's directives on apartment building safety issues.

We strongly support the proposed improvements to Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 354, Apartment Buildings as outlined in those recommendations. The tragic events in St. Jamestown have illustrated how costly and disruptive the lack of preventative maintenance and evacuation planning can be. The recommendations go some distance to preventing these kinds of incidents which have such a negative impact on the lives of the people who depend in these vital services.

Thank you for attention to our comments. Please keep us notified of upcoming Committee and Council meetings on these proposals.

Yours very truly,

Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario

per:



Kenneth Hale,
Director of Advocacy and Legal Services