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Dear Ms. Martins,

Community Living Toronto offers a continuum of funded and unfunded residential options focused on supporting the rights and choices of people with intellectual disabilities. Person-directed practices guide our supports and services across a wide variety of residential options.

We are writing to confirm our support of the recommendations being brought forward pertaining to the Planning & Housing report, article PH23.7.

The importance of 250 supportive housing units cannot be emphasized enough. Not only are these affordable units desperately needed for people who are living with minimal income, they also come in an ideal location that allows for ease of access to transit, shopping, and many amenities. These units also include supports that will enable them to live in a safe environment with access to supports to increase their independence and contributions to their community. Furthermore, having units that are accessible for those with physical limitations and adaptable units for changing needs is an incredible feature that addresses other priority needs when it comes to housing.

The 50-year lease (minus a day) provides Community Living Toronto and our partners with the consistency and stability required to develop a solid, well-delivered project that can contribute to the City and the surrounding community for decades to come. The benefits of creating a community with a diverse population that contain a wealth of services and supports have been demonstrated many times over, within our City and around the world.

We at Community Living Toronto are proud this initiative and look forward to other opportunities to provide more supportive and affordable housing solutions.

Regards,

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