

November 23, 2022

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Attention: Sylwia Przezdziecki

RE: CC1.2 Update on Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Ward All)

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of City Council,

Established in Thorncliffe Park in the 1980s, the Leaside Towers Tenants Association (LTTA) is a volunteer, resident-led group that represents the 2,500 Torontonians residing at 85 and 95 Thorncliffe Park Drive on concerns relating to their rental apartment tenancies, as well as matters of broader importance to the Thorncliffe Park community.

The LTTA is gravely worried about the consequences of Bill 23 for renters in Toronto. To a person, our membership is alarmed and anxious. They believe that the repeal of affordable housing protections will be financially and emotionally devastating to renters.

We do not want the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to have the authority, at their sole discretion, to use the More Homes Built Faster Act to approve evictions of established families from their homes in Toronto to advance the financial interests of the development industry.

Bill 23 and its companion legislation Bill 39, the Better Municipal Governance Act, go against our tradition of Responsible Government and erode the rights of Torontonians who rent.

The LTTA recommends:

The Mayor and Members of City Council stand together in public opposition to Bill 23 and request the Ontario Government to withdraw the legislation.

Thank you,

Jason Ash

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Chair, Leaside Towers Tenants Association