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Planning Housing Committee Agenda Item

2023.PH 8.16 - **Amendments to Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 667: Rental Demolition and Conversion By-law**

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Dear Planning and Housing Committee,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Centralized Affordable Rental Housing Access System for giving low income tenants access to new affordable housing units that are built following demolition of existing rental housing.

However, the current proposal overlooks the plight of existing post-application tenants in the pre-demolition building. These tenants already have an established relationship with the location, with the building's landlord, and with other tenants in the same building. It is not appropriate to push them to the bottom of the very long centralized list for replacement units in their own building. I am therefore writing to request that you amend this proposal to give existing post-application tenants, who meet the income requirements, a right of first refusal to return to the replacement building.

Thank you for your support.

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