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To the members of the Toronto City Council,

As representatives of over 40,000+ low and moderate income people across the City of Toronto, we are writing to you to urge the swift adoption of Item PH13.7 and the implementation of a Hamilton-style anti-renovictions bylaw.

The City of Toronto has been holding consultations on an anti-renovictions bylaw since 2019. In that time, countless vulnerable tenants have lost their homes through renovictions, and countless more will unless City Council takes swift action today.

It is crucial that such a bylaw include the following:

- A licensing requirement for landlords to undertake renovations;
- A duty to accommodate displaced tenants with temporary alternative accommodations or a rental top-up during renovations;
- A requirement for the landlord to pay for any moving costs incurred by tenants;
- Stringent notice requirements for landlords, to ensure tenants are aware of their rights under the anti-renoviction bylaw;
- A requirement to provide a Disruption Mitigation Plan for other tenants affected by renovations; and
- A significant increase in fines for landlords who do not comply with the bylaw - over and above the potential profits the landlord would gain from renovicting a tenant.

We hope you will stand with affected tenants and pass a strong anti-renoviction bylaw.

Signed,

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