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Subject: [External Sender] Re: Item PH 13.8 - Launching the Rental Housing Supply Program
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Dear Ms Nancy Marten,

Please accept this email and letter in support of item PH 13.8 and include it in distribution to the committee members.

With thanks,
Peter Frampton

Toronto Planning and Housing Committee
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Sincerely,

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