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**Endorsement letter for Bill C-400 an Act for a National Housing Strategy to ensure secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing for Canadians**

Whereas the access to adequate housing is a fundamental human right according to paragraph 25 (1) of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human rights;

Whereas, in 1976, Canada acceded to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, a legally binding treaty committing Canada to make progress on fully realizing all economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to adequate housing;

Whereas the enjoyment of other human rights, such as those to privacy, to freedom of movement, to freedom from discrimination, to environmental health, to security of the person, to freedom of association and equality before the law, are indispensable to the realization of the right to adequate housing;

Whereas housing organizations and stakeholders from across Canada have long advocated for the implementation of a national housing strategy;

Whereas Canada's wealth and current national budget are more than adequate to ensure that every woman, man and child residing in Canada has secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing as part of a standard of living that will provide healthy physical, intellectual, emotional, spiritual and social development and a good quality of life;

Whereas improved housing conditions are best achieved through co-operative partnerships of government and civil society and the meaningful involvement of communities;

And whereas the Parliament of Canada wishes to ensure the establishment of national goals and programs that seek to improve the quality of life for all Canadians as basic rights;

_____ (organization name) endorses the NDP's Bill for a National Housing Strategy to ensure that Canadians have secure, adequate, accessible and affordable housing, introduced to the House of Commons on February 16 2012, by the Member of Parliament for Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot, Marie-Claude Morin.

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