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Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2024 3:20 PM
To: City Clerks Office <City.ClerksOffice@brampton.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Landlord Licensing Program

Dear City Clerk's Office,

I am writing today in support of the newly implemented 'Landlord Licensing Program' here in Brampton. I live at [REDACTED]. I am very excited about the success of the Landlord Licensing program. I hope this letter can be read at the upcoming January 31st 2024 City Council Meeting. I have witnessed the outcomes of irresponsible landlords which include, but are not limited to:

- Unsafe and unsanitary living conditions for tenants
 - Crowded homes, overflowing garbage bins, backyards treated as dumping grounds
- Unsafe and unsanitary conditions for community members
 - Unshoveled sidewalks, unmaintained yards
 - Dead trees which fall on communication/power lines
 - Standing water in backyards and tires long abandoned in said backyards
 - Increase in vermin and pests (rats, racoons and mosquitoes)
- An increase in illegal activity
 - More prone to theft, no locks on houses, inhabitants who do not integrate with the community
 - Taking advantage of international students who do not know their rights and do not have the resources to find help
 - Offering housing for exorbitant sums of money, while offering a windowless room without a lock on the door.

It has come to my attention that there is a petition against this licensing program for fear of an increase in costs, which will undoubtedly be passed along to the tenants.

I would like to add my voice in support of the program. I think it will improve the lives of tenants, as landlords will be held to providing hygienic and safe living conditions. It will improve the lives of the neighbourhood, who will not be impacted by poorly maintained properties. It will improve the City of Brampton, by ensuring that landlords are not capitalising on our housing market for their own gains at the expense of the community.

It will mean that the tenants are chosen carefully. It will mean that the landlord ensures the maintenance of the property. It will mean that the landlord will be responsible for repairing damages and performing proper upkeep on their units/house.

We are better than this. We need to protect the rights of the renter, we need to improve community safety and we should not be bullied by upset landlords who have preyed upon a vulnerable sector for too long. It is time to regulate the process of being a landlord.

Thank you for your time,

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