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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Re: RRL

Thank you Evie.

To:
City Clerk Office,
Brampton.

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express our concerns and frustrations regarding the implementation of the rental license program in Brampton. While I understand the importance of maintaining health and safety standards for rental properties, it has come to our attention that the current program is disproportionately impacting small landlords, raising questions about fairness and the true intent behind these regulations. Legalizing basements makes sense (units to be approved after Legal Permits and City's through inspection) but, not the Rental License Program. Now, Rental License Program came into effect; it wouldn't be a surprise to see Home License Program comes in future, which may ask homeowners to pay to maintain their home health and safety standards.

As a responsible small landlord in Brampton, I am fully committed to providing safe and comfortable housing for my tenants by legalizing the rental unit which was inspected and approved by City of Brampton. However, the recent measures introduced through the rental license program seem to target small landlords more than they address the overall health and safety concerns in rental properties.

Specifically, I would like to bring the following issues to your attention:

1. **Financial Burden on Small Landlords:** The costs associated with obtaining and renewing rental licenses, coupled with the mandatory inspections, are proving to be an excessive financial burden for small landlords. This could potentially lead to increased rental rates or even force some landlords out of the market altogether.
2. **Lack of Transparency and Communication:** There appears to be a lack of clear communication and transparency regarding the specific requirements of the rental license program. Small landlords are struggling to navigate the complexities of the program, leading to confusion and uncertainty about compliance.
3. **Focus on Education and Support:** Instead of punitive measures, there should be a greater emphasis on educating landlords about health and safety standards and providing support to ensure compliance. Penalizing small landlords without proper guidance may be counterproductive and hinder the city's goal of improving overall living conditions.

4. **Alternatives to Inspections:** Consider exploring alternative methods for ensuring health and safety standards, such as providing incentives for landlords who proactively address maintenance and safety concerns or developing partnerships with local organizations to offer resources and support.

I kindly request that the city council reviews and revisits the current rental license program to address these concerns and work towards a more equitable and effective approach. Small landlords play a crucial role in providing affordable housing options, and it is essential to ensure that the regulations in place do not disproportionately burden them.

I am hopeful that, with your leadership, we can find a balanced and fair solution that promotes the well-being of tenants while supporting the sustainability of small landlords in Brampton.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing about any steps or considerations that may be taken to address these concerns.

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