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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Residential Rental Licensing Program

Dear City Clerk's Office,

I am writing today in support of the new Landlord licensing program in Brampton.

I have been living in Brampton since 2010 and I can say the city lost a lot of its "curb-appeal". While I understand that there is a housing shortage in Canada, especially in the GTA, as well as an affordability crisis, thus residents with available space in their homes try to supplement their potential financial shortfall, I don't agree that properties get neglected because of greed and disregard for the community.

I have witnessed firsthand how homes originally owned by residents, who move away, get bought up by "investors", become a sad image of their old self. While some responsibilities do fall on the tenants, I feel the majority should fall on the landlords, yet for some reason they are walking away scot-free.

In turn this leaves the properties in really bad shape, especially the historic buildings (once nicely maintained front lawns become neglected and dirty), trash bins are overflowing with garbage (worse is that the tenants don't understand/follow the garbage/recycling days, hence the garbage collectors refuse to pick the garbage up, which is then left to racoons, squirrels, etc.), the driveways and sidewalks are not being shoveled (I witnessed 4 young men trying to shovel their driveway only when enforcement came, with old hockey-sticks and canoe paddles, as it seems the landlord didn't provide any snow-shovels at all), the amount of cars in many driveways is excessive, parking rules are not being followed, backyards become dumping grounds and tire-storage spaces; to name a few of the challenges.

I am a landlord myself, truth be told it's a condo, but that's why the condo fees are for, to keep the property neat for all residents. In Brampton the property standards have gone absolutely out of hand and need to be picked back up, for a community to exist. I also understand that with the current taxation system, it's very difficult to maintain the city in good shape (not enough taxes and too many people), hence something has to give. My hope is that Brampton's city leadership is in agreement and doesn't want to see the city deteriorate even further and become a rental haven without rules/consequences.

I applaud this new licensing law, but also feel that even more can be done to enforce the living and community appeal of Brampton.

Thank you,

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