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Honourable Councillors
City of Brampton

Through this letter, Peel ACORN would like to express our concern about excluding properties with 5 or less units from the Residential Landlord Licensing Pilot program that is proposed to be implemented in select wards.

ACORN Canada is a national, membership-based organization of low- and moderate-income people. ACORN has more than 168,000 members in 24 neighbourhood chapters across the country, including in Peel region.

Members of Peel ACORN are low- and moderate-income tenants. Many Peel ACORN members who are living in multi-residential apartment buildings are struggling with lack of repair and maintenance. Despite making repeated requests and submitting work orders, the work doesn't get done and if it does, the quality of work done is of extremely low quality.

While Peel ACORN is encouraged by the city staff report recommending a Residential Rental Licensing Program, the program will only cover properties with 5 or less units. Thus, it will leave out thousands of tenants that are seeking accountability for lack of repair and maintenance. Most of these properties are owned by corporate landlords who will be completely let off the hook. The affordable housing crisis is only getting worse and many tenants are stuck in precarious housing.

ACORN has championed landlord licensing in several cities across the country. Landlord registration, which has been implemented in cities such as Toronto and Mississauga (Hamilton is going to implement it soon) and changes made to landlord licensing bylaws such as those in New Westminster have played an important role in protecting tenants' right to habitable and affordable homes. ACORN strongly believes that as the city of Brampton moves towards a pilot Landlord Licensing program, it would be critical to include apartment buildings with 5 or more units as well.

The landlord registration program as it exists in Toronto and Mississauga follows a cost recovery model for implementation. For 2023, the registration and renewal fee for the landlords is \$15.40 per residential unit. This fee includes the cost of City-initiated building evaluations.

This is a great opportunity for the city to ensure that tenants across Brampton are able to access healthy, safe and accessible housing.

Thank you for your diligence in giving this matter the due consideration it deserves.

Yours sincerely,

Peel ACORN