

Hon. Steve Clark
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Dear Minister Clark,

On behalf of Ontario's universities, we want to acknowledge our support of the proposed land lease housing exemption, included in Bill 184: Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020, which is currently before the Standing Committee on Social Policy.

While not all universities will use the exemption, its inclusion in Bill 184 provides flexibility for institutions to offer affordable home ownership-style agreements as an employee benefit.

As you may know, several jurisdictions in North America, including British Columbia, already offer a similar provision which has two benefits: it provides lower-cost housing to employees while also allowing institutions to retain their stock of housing for future generations.

As Ontario's universities continue to develop the workforce of the future and drive the innovation needed to build a stronger economy, providing competitive benefits to prospective employees enables our institutions to attract and retain world-class faculty and staff in a globalized marketplace.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



David Lindsay
President and CEO

cc. Tonia Grannum, Committee Clerk, Committee on Social Policy