

June 7, 2018

The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
Government of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Re: Community Housing Affordability Collective (CHAC) Response to National Consultation on Human Rights-Based Approach to Housing

Dear Minister Duclos,

We applaud the Government of Canada's commitment to ensuring every Canadian has access to safe and affordable housing.

CHAC is a collaborative network focused on improving housing affordability in Calgary through cross-sector collaboration and community-based advocacy. Our membership represents the full spectrum of market and non-market housing providers. As such, **CHAC is optimally-positioned to engage and consult on development and implementation of housing policy.**

While CHAC generally supports the principles outlined in the *Discussion Paper on A Human Rights-Based Approach to Housing*, we recognize that potential impacts cannot be understood until we begin to apply the theory. As it considers implementation, we encourage the Government of Canada to avoid unintended consequences by engaging directly and meaningfully with stakeholders like CHAC, who can offer a systems view of local jurisdictions.

We also draw your attention to The City of Calgary's letter of June 7, 2018, which notes the striking need for more non-market housing in Calgary and the value of supporting locally-designed solutions to meet those needs. We believe CHAC is in an ideal position to advise on and shape those local solutions.

We deeply value the opportunity to provide feedback. CHAC looks forward to continuing the conversation and working with you to ensure every Calgarian has a place to call home.

Sincerely,



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