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To the Mayor and Members of Mississauga Council,

The Peel Alliance to End to End Homelessness is writing in support of the notice of Motion to Allow Four-Units as of Right in the City of Mississauga.

Mississauga is experiencing a housing and homelessness crisis. As rents continue to rise, affordable housing becomes scarce and lack of supply means more people living in shelters, outdoors, in encampments or in housing precarity and hidden homelessness. Some people have left the city altogether. The dream of affordable housing for middle income and low-income earners has all but disappeared.

With the Province mandating 120,000 more homes in Mississauga and the city's plan to meet the target, passing the motion for four-unit housing will meet the requirements of the Federal Government's Housing Accelerator fund. We know that other major cities are taking advantage including London, Vaughan, Calgary, Halifax and soon Victoria. Mississauga could be next.

Missing-middle housing is missing from Mississauga. You have the power to change that. The Housing Accelerator Fund is addressing a need. It seems one of those needs can be fulfilled by passing the amended motion for Mississauga to develop four-unit housing close to existing neighbourhoods within 800m of LRT and BRT lines. Greater density is critical to being able to pay for maintaining Mississauga's infrastructure in the future.

Where will the next generation of homeowners live if they don't have access to middle, and low-income housing? More housing options will help address the housing crisis. While this is one small step, it is an important one.

Thank you,
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