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Dear Heads of Council and Chairs of District Social Services Administration Boards:

In March, our government introduced the *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020* (Bill 184), which supports the government's plan to make life more affordable for Ontarians. Since that time, our government has been focussed on the health and well-being of Ontarians as we navigate through the COVID-19 outbreak.

It is with great pride that I am able to share with you the progress we have made on Bill 184. On July 22, 2020, the *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020* received Royal Assent.

The Act contains amendments to the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006*, *Housing Services Act, 2011*, *Building Code Act, 1992* and includes the *Ontario Mortgage and Housing Corporation Repeal Act, 2020*.

As I highlighted in my March 12, 2020 letter these amendments support the following priorities:

- **[More Homes, More Choice: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan](#)** to make it faster and easier to build housing, including rental housing, and to build the right types of homes in the right places;
- Part II of the **[Community Housing Renewal Strategy](#)** – a multi-year strategy to stabilize and grow Ontario's community housing sector; and
- **Transforming the Delivery of Building Code Services** by enabling the future creation of an administrative authority that would help deliver faster and better services to promote the safe construction of buildings in Ontario.

More details on the *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020* can be found in the [official news release](#). A copy of the Act will be available on the Ontario e-Laws website shortly (www.ontario.ca/laws).

On behalf of our government, I would like to extend our thanks for your work with the ministry leading up to the passage of this Act. We look forward to continuing to work with all of our municipal partners and are committed to continuing discussions with you in the coming months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Steve Clark'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Steve Clark
Minister