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Hon. Paul Calandra Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing College Park, 17th Floor 777 Bay Street Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

RE: Evictions at Chartwell Heritage Glen Seniors Residence

Dear Minister Calandra,

On behalf of City Council and the soon to be evicted residents of Chartwell Heritage Glen Seniors Residence at 6509, 6515, and 6521 Glen Erin Drive in Mississauga, I am asking for your support to make changes to provincial legislation and proclaim into force the amendments to the *Residential Tenancies Act* set out under Bill 97. These residents should be protected and a situation like this should never happen again.

As you may have seen in the media, Chartwell has sold the property at the aforementioned address, which will no longer be used as a retirement home. Over 200 seniors have now been evicted and have been forced to find alternative living arrangements. This has led to immense stress and uncertainty for them and their families. The notice provided by Chartwell was insufficient as many residents did not find out until recently that the property had been sold and that they would no longer have a place to call home. While Chartwell has given each resident three month's worth of rent, new accommodations will be at least double their current rent paid. This is not fair to the residents of Heritage Glen and will leave many in a precarious position.

The City of Mississauga has limited powers to address this situation, however the provincial government does. As such, we are asking you and your government to proclaim into force immediately the amendments in Bill 97 that amend the *Residential Tenancies Act* to address these types of evictions. We would also ask that you review this situation in particular and take any action necessary to ensure it does not happen again elsewhere in Mississauga or across the province.

While the site will be the home of new housing units, the displacement of existing residents is unacceptable and unfair. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Regards,

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