

March 17, 2022

MPP Gilles Bisson - Timmins
60 Wilson Avenue Suite # 202
Timmins, ON P4N 2S7

Re: Meeting in the Middle A plan to end exclusionary zoning and tackle Ontario's housing crisis

Dear MPP Bisson:

As you know, housing affordability is a critical issue in Timmins. For businesses, the growing unaffordability of housing in our community is significantly impacting their ability to attract and retain their employees and maintain their operations, while also eroding their customer base. Solving the housing shortfall is needed to support our residents and our business community.

At present, the Canadian Real Estate Association's National Price Map indicated a near 40 per cent jump in housing price increase in the Timmins region, going from approximately \$180,000 in 2021 to over \$250,000 last month. The provincial Housing Affordability Task Force has made recommendations on how to address this issue, including a recommendation to eliminate exclusionary zoning.

On behalf of our Board and 620 members, The Chamber believes that eliminating exclusionary zoning policies is a critical recommendation that the provincial government should adopt. Exclusionary zoning policies are an outdated approach to planning that prohibits even modest forms of density such as triplexes in most residential neighbourhoods. Allowing more types of homes in more places will help address Timmins' housing affordability crisis and enable a host of other economic, environmental and social benefits.

We hope that you will support ending exclusionary zoning policies. Should you wish to know more about how ending exclusionary zoning is essential for our economic growth, we encourage you to review the Housing Affordability Task Force report and Toronto Region Board of Trade's Missing Middle report (link) which the Timmins Chamber supports.

Sincerely,

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Rob Knox
2021-22 President
Timmins Chamber



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