

PETITION
To the Government of Canada

We, the undersigned, are bringing to the attention of the House of Commons and of the Government of Canada that:

- Despite the age of the current social housing stock, the federal government does not invest sufficiently in the renovation, improvement, and modernization of low-cost housing, and no longer invests in the renovation, modernization and improvement of cooperatives and non-profit housing.
- The federal government has stopped providing the long-term funding that had been previously granted to some social housing units. This withdrawal will accelerate in coming years and will affect 623,700 units in Canada, including all low-cost housing units and the majority of cooperative and non-profit housing units. The end of federal financing could, among other things, generate a substantial rent increase for low-income tenants who live in these units.
- The protection of existing social housing is essential, not only for current tenants, but also for households who may need to access these units. The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation counts 982,000 Canadian tenant households living with core housing need.
- While the federal government only invests \$2.1 billion per year on housing, it spends \$22 billion annually on the military, and is prepared to squander \$30 billion on the purchase and maintenance of 65 F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Jets.

Therefore, the petitioners ask the Government of Canada:

- **to immediately plan for an adequate budget that ensures the renovation, improvement, and modernization of all social housing units (low-cost housing, cooperatives, and non-profit housing);**
- **to commit to, without delay, maintaining the long-term subsidies granted to social housing units created before 1994, in particular those that provide low-income tenants a rent geared to their capacity to pay.**

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