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Do you support creating a housing safety net to protect Canadians from the impacts of economic shock?

**YES**

Do you support developing a housing skills agenda for Canada that equips our workforce and empowers them to recruit skilled trade workers?

**YES**

Do you support initiatives to support first-time home buyers, like the Home Buyer's Plan (HBP) and the First-Time Home Buyer Incentive (FTHBI)?

**YES**

Do you support reviewing tax reforms to facilitate home building, for example, eliminating GST on all housing?

**YES**

Do you support streamlining permissions to facilitate home building?

**YES**

Do you support creating resilient housing material supply chains that can withstand tariffs and trade barriers?

**YES**

Do you support the stimulation of housing supply by embracing innovation through offsite construction technologies, some of which include mass timber, panelization, and modular home construction?

**YES**

**OPTIONAL**

**This last question gives you an opportunity to tell us more about your thoughts on housing. You decide what you would like us to share with our members.**

In Kitchener Centre, I hear housing concerns at nearly every door. Young professionals wondering if they'll ever afford a home, seniors afraid of being renovicted, families crammed into spaces too small because it's all they can afford, and newcomers struggling to find safe, affordable places to live.

The statistics in our region are alarming - for every new affordable unit built, 39 are lost—triple the national average. This isn't just a market problem; it's a policy failure requiring bold solutions.

Since being elected, I've worked to address this crisis through concrete actions:

I've secured \$5.4 million in federal funding for new shelter spaces and transitional housing in Waterloo Region, successfully advocated for the release of \$1.5 billion in co-op housing funding, and introduced Motion 170 to reform affordable housing criteria so federal programs actually create truly affordable units.

I've also been advocating for groups like Habitat for Humanity to extend the same HST relief to non-profit homeownership builders that for-profit developers currently receive. A change that would have provided an additional \$1 million for affordable units on Habitat's Kehl Street project alone.

My Motion 71 targets the financialization of housing by ending tax exemptions for corporate investors (REITs). The Parliamentary Budget Office has confirmed this would generate up to \$670 million that could be reinvested in affordable housing.

Looking forward, I see tremendous opportunities in our region. We have innovative non-profit housing providers like Indwell bringing supportive housing projects to Kitchener. We have a technology sector with expertise to contribute to modular and efficient building solutions. And we have a community that understands the importance of creating housing that's truly affordable.

What we need is a government with the courage to invest significantly in doubling our social housing stock, supporting cooperative housing models, implementing effective rent control, and ensuring homes are places for people to live, not primarily commodities for investors to trade.

This isn't just about building units, it's about building community. When we solve our housing crisis, we strengthen our entire social fabric, from mental health to climate action to economic prosperity. I'll continue working across party lines to deliver these solutions because everyone deserves a safe, affordable place to call home.