



ONTARIO NON-PROFIT
HOUSING ASSOCIATION

To Whom It May Concern,

As the voice of Ontario's community housing sector, the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA) represents a \$38 billion portfolio of built assets and one of Canada's largest non-profit housing developer networks. ONPHA members provide nearly half of the country's affordable housing stock.

We are pleased to express our support for the Canadian Housing Acquisition Fund Inc. (CHAF) and its proposal to deliver the Canada Rental Protection Fund (CRPF). We believe CHAF's sector-led, scalable, and evidence-based model, building on the success of the B.C. Rental Protection Fund, aligns with the goals of the CRPF and will help non-profit housing providers, particularly in regions with limited access to acquisition funding and support.

The launch of the CRPF presents a transformative opportunity to preserve Canada's existing affordable rental housing. It addresses the urgent need to protect at-risk rental homes and ensure they remain permanently affordable and community-governed under non-profit stewardship.

As a member of CHAF's advisory committee, ONPHA values the opportunity to contribute our expertise. Ontario's scale, delivery model, and regional diversity bring critical considerations to the national conversation. We emphasize the importance of recognizing Ontario's unique system and highlight tools like the Multi-Unit Residential Acquisition (MURA) Program as effective local acquisition strategies.

ONPHA's support for the CRPF is grounded in the meaningful inclusion of Ontario's providers. We have confidence that a clear and defined role for Ontario in shaping the CRPF, whether through CHAF's governance, management, or a compensated advisory capacity, will strengthen the Fund's ability to respond effectively to regional needs and deliver on its national objectives. With our support, we further recommend exploring a revenue-sharing model that supports reinvestment in organizations across the sector, including ONPHA, as the association that supports Ontario's community housing system and brings forward the collective voice of its providers.

We look forward to working with CHAF and our partners to ensure the CRPF's success. Ontario's full participation is essential to achieving the Fund's goals and delivering lasting impact nationwide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marlene Coffey".

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