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Dear Ms. Roset-Zuppa and Mr. Laberge,

On behalf of the [Canadian Senior Living Association](#) (CSLA), we are reaching out to convey our concerns with the lack of available data on seniors housing and impress upon the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) the importance of reinstating the Seniors Housing Survey (SHS). As the federal government delivers on its mandate to build significant, national projects and millions of homes faster, this survey will provide essential data for the proactive, long-term planning required to solve the ongoing housing crisis.

By 2045, more than 6.5 million Canadians will be aged 75 or older, significantly increasing demand for purpose-built seniors housing options. As Canada's senior population grows rapidly, this survey provides valuable information on vacancy rates, rental costs, counts, new developments and more, necessary to respond to and make decisions that address the unique housing needs of seniors.

With significant global economic and housing market changes in the last few years, up to date senior housing data is required for evidence-based policymaking. Accurate data will enable better planning and more effective housing and tax policy decisions. Discontinued in 2021, it was the SHS that provided essential insights into the supply, demand, and affordability of senior housing.

CSLA is one of the many organizations that relied on the survey for information, others include financial, university and research institutions, developers, and provincial policymakers. For example, SHS data feeds into CMHC's Housing Market Information Portal which offers free, easy-to-use access to housing market data for Canada.

From our understanding, CMHC's intention was to review their entire housing surveys program and alignment to their work on affordability. However, after 4 years, no other survey has been established losing out on valuable years of collection, resulting in

significant data gaps. Reinstating the survey can support the federal government, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, the senior living sector, and other organizations to have the information necessary to help increase the housing supply and ensure that Canadians have access to purpose-built housing that meet their individual needs.

As your corporation delivers finance and housing programs across the nation, we look forward to first and foremost having updated and accurate research and data. This would enable the further development of Canada's housing policy as it pertains to Canada's senior living sector and allow us to work collaboratively to address the housing needs of seniors and the communities they live in.

Sincerely,



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