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Minister Steve Clark
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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SENT VIA E-MAIL: steve.clark@pc.ola.org

Dear Minister:

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention that at its regular monthly meeting of October 22, 2020, the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board adopted Resolution #20 - 77 requesting funding to offset revenue losses resulting from the provincial policy change to freeze rent at 2020 levels as it will result in a higher levy in 2021 to member municipalities.

While we understand that the Provinces view of not wanting to increase the rent during this uncertain time, we feel that the province should provide funding to offset the revenue losses that will be experienced by District Social Services Administration Board that directly fund Community Housing through the municipal property tax system.

Community Housing is in a constant state of breaking even and/or deficit with rent increase and decreases annually. While allowing for rent decreases and no increases the rent freeze policy is putting the municipalities in a precarious situation of having to deal with a higher municipal property tax levy in 2021.

We respectfully request funding to offset the revenue losses resulting from the provincial policy to freeze rent.

Respectfully,

Bruce Killah
Vice Chair, Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB

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