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Hello:

As one of the professors at McMaster that worked on the "health in the hubs" initiative I can say unequivocally that housing insecurity has a significant impact on health, and on the future prospects of those affected. In my humble opinion an investment in affordable housing is likely to pay dividends if not in the short term in the near future. Improved housing security and its impact on health also impacts ability to work, and has positive impacts on youth increasing their likelihood of success in the school system.

I am fully supportive of this motion.

Thanks in advance for considering.

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