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**RE: Hamilton Community Legal Clinic submission for the Planning Committee re
Property Standards By-Law Review**

The Hamilton Community Legal Clinic (“the Clinic”) supports amendments to the City of Hamilton’s Property Standards By-law to address concerns about the quality and safety of rental accommodations. These amendments should be implemented in a way to provide the City with more effective enforcement tools to tackle key property standards issues such as pest and vermin control, repair standards and cleanliness.

The Clinic supports these amendments because it believes that a robust Property Standards By-law and its effective enforcement can ensure that residential tenants are protected in accommodations that have experienced infestation of pests, chronic disrepair and neglect.

The Clinic echoes the concerns that have been raised by community organizations/tenant groups such as ACORN and strongly believes that amendments to the City’s Property Standards By-law are necessary to increase consistency in housing quality throughout the City.

Sincerely,
Hamilton Community Legal Clinic