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Chair and Members - Emergency and Community Services Committee
City of Hamilton

RE: Hamilton Community Legal Clinic submission for the Emergency & Community Services Committee regarding renovations

The Hamilton Community Legal Clinic (“the Clinic”) supports ACORN’s call for the City of Hamilton to protect tenants & existing market affordable housing stock from renovations.

Low income and vulnerable residents are facing increasing displacement pressure. The Clinic has witnessed first hand a rise in N13 notices and “buy outs” as a method of causing unit turnover.

The scale of the housing crisis and loss of affordable housing demand strong action from the City. We urge the City to continue engaging on this file as tools and powers have yet to be identified to restrict renovations in Hamilton.

The Clinic in solidarity with ACORN Hamilton, supports expansion of the Tenant Defence Fund to cover tenants facing renovations if improvements are made to ensure the program is successful. The Clinic can also provide consultation on developing a proactive tenant education program to inform tenants of their rights.

Sincerely,
The Hamilton Community Legal Clinic