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**From:** Gina Henry < >**Sent:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 12:05 PM**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)**Subject:** Delegate to Hamilton's emergency meeting on housing

Hi I just sent an email to delegate, but ran out of time. I realized that initially I had sent it to the wrong email. I would like to add the following:

My reading of the Ontario Human Rights Code leads me to believe that this is a blatant violation of the right to housing based on family status:

"Every person in Ontario has a right to be free from discrimination and harassment on the basis of family status, in the social areas of employment, services, goods, facilities, housing accommodation, contracts, and membership in trade and vocational associations."

Furthermore:

"The Code provides explicit protection against discrimination for specific relationships, through prohibitions on discrimination because of marital status and family status."

Section 10(1) of the Code broadly defines the ground of marital status as follows:

"marital status" means the status of being married, single, widowed, divorced or separated and includes the status of living in a conjugal relationship with a person outside of marriage.