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Her Worship Mayor Lisa Helps
City of Victoria
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Dear Mayor Helps: *Lisa*

Thank you for your letter addressed to the Honourable John Horgan, Premier, regarding your suggested changes to the *Residential Tenancy Act* (RTA) to protect tenants from eviction due to major construction. As Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, I am pleased to respond on behalf of Premier Horgan.

This issue is a growing problem, not just in Victoria, but across the province. While I appreciate that much of our rental stock is aging and in need of repair, I share your concern about protecting tenants from losing their housing.

Our new government is committed to amending the RTA to provide stronger protections for renters, and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff are exploring options to address this issue. I have forwarded your recommendations to Ministry staff for their consideration as they complete this work.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Selina Robinson
Minister

pc: Honourable John Horgan, Premier