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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

I've heard from so many Canadians who are hurting right now, and their pain is very real.

I'm writing to you today on their behalf. On behalf of so many Canadians who are grappling with the impacts of our country's housing crisis. This week alone, I have received heartbreaking stories from people across Canada who are struggling with rising rent and mortgage prices and renovictions.

Everyone should be able to find a place they can afford that's safe and fits their family's needs. But right now, rent is so unaffordable that people are being forced to leave the neighbourhoods they love, moving farther away from their families, friends, and jobs. In the meantime, corporate landlords and housing profiteers are making huge profits on the backs of working-class Canadians.

Mr. Trudeau, you promised Canadians you would address this crisis so they could afford to keep a roof over their heads, but the situation just keeps getting worse. People are facing record high rent prices, renovictions, and low vacancy rates. Your government has failed to build the homes people need and to implement safeguard measures to protect Canadians from housing profiteers.

In the last budget, you had an opportunity to show that you understand the urgency of this crisis. Yet, once again, you failed to deliver on your promise to take decisive action – to the detriment of many Canadians already struggling with the high cost of living.

The federal government has the tools to prevent renovation, to lower rent, and to create a housing market that benefits people, not rich investors and housing profiteers. On behalf of all the people who have been writing to us with their stories and who are signing this letter, we implore you to announce

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strong measures to tackle the housing crisis early this fall. It is too late for empty promises – Canadians need help now.

Mr. Trudeau you have an imminent decision to make – will you take immediate action or continue to offer empty words while housing profiteers make life miserable for Canadians?

Thank you for your consideration of this pressing issue. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jagmeet Singh". The signature is stylized with large loops and a prominent "J" at the beginning.

Jagmeet Singh, MP (Burnaby South)
Leader of New Democratic Party of Canada