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Investing in Affordable Housing: 4,500 New Homes for Canadians

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Every Canadian deserves a safe and affordable place to call home. Since she has been elected, Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, has always advocated for affordable housing. We know the COVID-19 pandemic has led to rising levels of homelessness and an increased need for affordable housing; that's why the Government of Canada has created a national strategy to build thousands of units and provide affordable housing to people across the country. "By continuing to make investments in affordable housing, our government is building stronger communities, creating jobs, and growing our middle class, while fighting homelessness and helping vulnerable Canadians," said MP Sahota.

MP Sahota is proud to share that last week, the Government of Canada announced the creation of 4,500 new affordable housing units across the country with an additional investment of \$1.5 billion through the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI). These housing units will support Canadians who are in uncertain housing situations, experiencing or at risk of homelessness, or living in temporary shelters because of the pandemic.

This funding will be divided into two streams:

- **Cities Stream:** \$500 million will be allocated to 30 pre-determined municipalities across Canada based on the number of renters in severe housing need, local market housing costs, and a regional distribution.
- **Projects Stream:** \$1 billion will be allocated to eligible applications submitted during the RHI's initial application period last fall and having not yet received funding.

"Since 2015, the Government of Canada has helped more than one million Canadians find a safe and affordable place to call home. Today's announcement is in addition to \$1 billion in funding for the RHI announced in October 2020, and combined, these investments will support over 9,200 new



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affordable housing units for vulnerable Canadians across the country,” said MP Sahota, “This new investment will create thousands of good jobs in the housing and construction sector, grow the middle class, and build back stronger communities, while getting us closer to our goal of eliminating chronic homelessness in Canada.”

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