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The Honourable Chrystia Freeland
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister of Finance
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Dear Minister Freeland and Minister Fraser:

I write to offer our collaboration and ask for your assistance to help alleviate the current housing crisis.

Further to conversations between Premier Furey and Minister Fraser, we ask your government to consider tax options to encourage the construction of new rental housing units. We will support any decision that helps in this matter including removal of GST/HST from the cost of constructing new residential units through tax base adjustments, or providing a full rebate of the GST/HST on taxable costs.

We would be pleased to enter any discussions necessary to address the housing crisis. Therefore, I ask you to consider the government of Newfoundland and Labrador as a partner in the effort to increase access to affordable housing.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Siobhan Coady
Deputy Premier
Minister of Finance
President of Treasury Board
Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission
Minister Responsible for the Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation
MHA for St. John's West

CC: Minister Paul Pike