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Dear Premier Houston,

Nova Scotians deserve a dedicated Department of Housing. I am writing to ask you to appoint a full-time Minister of Housing. Housing is a fundamental human need and it is the biggest monthly expense for renters and homeowners. Housing lays the foundation for healthy, thriving communities. This portfolio demands focused, dedicated leadership.

Under your leadership, Nova Scotia is in the midst of an unprecedented housing crisis. Young people have lost hope of ever owning a home, and seniors who deserve to retire in dignity are unable to keep up with massive rent hikes. And now data from Statistics Canada shows that the cost of living in Halifax is more than many major Canadian cities including Toronto.

One of the first actions taken under your new mandate was to do away with a dedicated Department of Housing, relegating this crucial portfolio under the Department of Growth and Development.

Nova Scotians deserve a dedicated Department and Minister whose entire focus is making homes affordable for Nova Scotians, protecting renters, and opening pathways to homeownership.

Nova Scotians can't wait any longer. They deserve to know that your government is treating this crisis with the urgency it demands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claudia Chender".

Claudia Chender
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