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Mr. David Coon, MLA
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Dear Mr. Coon:

Enclosed is a copy of the response to your Petition 14, which was tabled in the Legislature on February 10, 2016.

Sincerely,

 Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Enclosure

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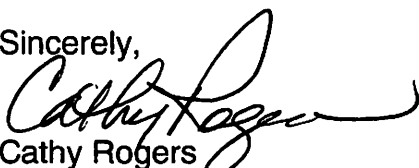
Dear Mr. Forestell,

This is in response to Petition No. 14 tabled in the Legislature on February 10, 2016 by Mr. Coon. The petition requests that government place a cap on the rent for low-income seniors at Evelyn Grove Manor so that rent is frozen at a certain amount.

Identifying innovative and sustainable ways to address the demand for affordable housing is a challenge in New Brunswick and across the country. It is a complex social policy issue that impacts seniors, individuals and families, and it warrants careful analysis and consideration. One of the key priorities for my department is to engage with stakeholders in the development of a new provincial housing strategy, and the needs and experiences of seniors will certainly be an important element of those discussions.

It is also important that consideration be given to this issue in the context of the broader work and discussions taking place right now through the new Council on Aging. The Council is reaching out to a broad range of stakeholders to solicit the broadest possible range of perspectives on the diversity of issues related to healthy aging and aging care. The issue of the availability and affordability of seniors' housing is undoubtedly one of the issues being brought forward for consideration.

Sincerely,


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