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Hon. Chris Ballard
Minister of Housing
College Park
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Dear Minister Ballard:

Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy (LTAHS) and Program Funding Allocation – Northern Cost Factor

As you know, the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) is an incorporated body that brings together Northern Ontario's 11 Municipal Service Managers.

At our 2016 Annual General Meeting last week, the following Resolution was passed unanimously:

Whereas NOSDA endorses the 'quick win' approach and recommendations made in the joint submission made by the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) and Housing Services Corporation (HSC) entitled *Building Sustainability in the Housing System - Submission on the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy Renewal: Early Wins for Long Term Gains*, March, 2015. In light of this approach

Whereas the federal and provincial governments have committed additional program funding in recent budgets; and

Whereas Service Manager allocations are determined based on population metrics such as the number of households in core housing need; and

Whereas the scale of the population of Northern Service Manager areas is such that the total number of households in core housing need is low but proportionately high relative to total population; and

Whereas the costs of construction and operations are significantly higher due to climate, transport of goods, cost of fuel, energy, cost of materials and a lack of competitive markets; and

Whereas allocations are smaller due to the fact that they are based on household counts which means that NOSDA Service Managers must do more with less and results in a hidden download that must be made up through the municipal levy.

Therefore be it resolved that the Ministry of Housing work with NOSDA members to develop a Northern Cost Factor Model similar to the Consumer Price Index to be applied to future capital and operating program funding allocation models.

Minister, we seek your assistance to ensure that we have the opportunity to work with your government to build Northern Cost Factors into upcoming Federal Provincial Housing programs and projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Iain Angus", is enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

Iain Angus, Chair

cc. Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
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Keith Palmer, President, OMSSA
Sheila McMahon, President, OFIFC
Janet Hope, ADM, Ministry of Housing