

PETITION TO THE
We, the undersigned,
draw the attention of the
to the following:

Government of Canada
Residents of Canada
Government of Canada

THAT

We all have a part to play in ending homelessness – we are working in our communities everyday to support human rights and the creation of social housing but more action is needed by the federal government as well as provincial, territorial and municipal governments. Every year, 200,000 people are absolutely homeless in Canada, and millions more are inadequately housed¹. Aboriginal people, women, people with disabilities, racialized community members, seniors, youth, newcomers and others face high rates of homelessness and housing inadequacy.

THEREFORE, your
petitioners call upon the

Government of Canada

To

1. **In the next budget, the federal government must protect existing social housing and restore the annual operating grants investment of \$1.7 billion annually in social housing subsidies. 600,000 people and their families could be forced to move to inadequate housing or be made homeless** by rent increases they cannot afford if the grants are not restored.
2. **In the next budget, federal funding for social housing construction and programs and services for the homeless must be increased and made permanent. Funding for flexible local, regional and provincial approaches must be provided every year.** This includes the Investment in Affordable Housing which funds construction of new housing units and the Homelessness Partnering Strategy which provides funding for programs & services for people who are homeless.
3. **The federal government must coordinate a pan-Canadian housing strategy based on human rights.** Housing is a human right. It's time that the federal government convene a meeting together with all levels of government, in consultation with civil society and Aboriginal groups, to establish a Canadian housing strategy that respects provincial jurisdiction, designed to respect, promote and fulfill the right to safe, adequate and affordable housing.

Signatures

(Sign your own name. Do not print.)

Addresses

(Give your full home address, or your city and province, or province and postal code.)

¹ The State of Homelessness in Canada 2013, Toronto: Canadian Homelessness Research Network Press.

