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I am a very concerned renter in the HRM that is at serious risk of homelessness due to Fixed Term leases and the current loophole in the Residential Tenancy Act that is being increasingly exploited by landlords across this province, but particularly in the HRM.

I am a retiree on fixed income. My wife has a minimum wage job with hours that fluctuate week to week. We can barely afford our current rent. The rent could double overnight at the end of a fixed term lease and we will be homeless, because we cannot afford the current inflated rents in this city. The situation is tenuous and incredibly stressful for the tens (or should I say hundreds) of thousands of Nova Scotians.

The abuse of Fixed Term leases must stop. If they are to exist at all (they should be banned IMO), it must be under very strict conditions. They cannot be allowed to be the default residential lease type, which they have become.

Ignore this plea at the peril of all renters in the province and expect our soaring homeless numbers to increase exponentially for as long as Fixed Term leases are allowed to continue unrestricted.

Our Premiere is very fond of saying he listens to Nova Scotians, and that Nova Scotians deserve better. Well here's his chance to prove it.

PS - I am very afraid of retaliation by my landlord, so I will not speak publicly about this and am using an alias email account. But I need my voice to be heard, along with hopefully thousands of other voices. Please, please, please do something. The status quo concerning Fixed Term Leases cannot continue.