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Good morning,

I am writing to you today to urge you to close the legal loophole of fixed-term leases. I have been a renter for my whole adult life, and I have seen countless friends evicted in the last few years due to fixed term leases. Nothing else is available anymore. We know that landlords are using this as a loophole to get around the 5% rent cap, we know that tenants are being evicted into homelessness because of this, we know that the shelters are full and the encampments are full and it is nearly impossible to find an affordable place to live anywhere in this city. We know that these realities are due in no small part to fixed term leases.

I am urging the Law Amendments Committee to close this loophole by banning fixed term leases, to take a necessary step towards helping make Nova Scotia more livable for tenants.

Thank you,

Nicholle