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I am writing to let you know of my opposition to the new proposed amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act (Bill 467). A close friend of mine has been dealing with abuse, intimidation and threats from her landlord over the course of two years, because her landlord wishes to "renovict" her and her partner. The amendments put forth in Bill 467 will only make it easier for landlords like hers who don't respect tenants rights to act in bad faith and get away with treating tenants poorly. These amendments should not pass.

Specifically,

- I oppose the shortened timeline for evictions due to rental arrears. The proposed 13 days is far too short for people to try to find a solution and with the current housing shortage and lack of affordability, we should not be making it harder to expel people from their homes.
- I call for rent control that is below the level of inflation. If landlords cannot afford to maintain their buildings in good working order and cannot pay the requisite taxes on their properties, then they should reconsider taking on the role of landlord. We cannot help landlords get richer at the expense of people losing homes.

We are facing a homelessness, affordability, and housing crisis in Nova Scotia. It is unbelievable to me that the current government would then move to exacerbate those things by introducing these amendments. Now is not the time.

Sincerely,

Emma Marotte

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