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Proposal Number: ERO # 019-6847

RE: Proposed Building Code Act, 1992 Change for Unorganized Territories

The Peterborough and the Kawarthas Home Builders Association is the voice of the residential construction industry in Peterborough City & County and City of Kawartha Lakes. We represent members including builders, developers, professional renovators, trade contractors and many others within the residential construction sector. The Peterborough and the Kawarthas Home Builders Association is coordinating our public policy response with regards to Bill 97, the Helping Homebuyers Protecting Tenants Act, 2023 with input from members across Ontario. Peterborough and the Kawarthas Home Builders Association is proudly affiliated with the Ontario Home Builders' Association and other chapters within our network.

Stable enforcement of building code standards across Ontario is important to professional home builders, home buyers and building officials. Providing more flexible options to enforce building codes standards in unorganized territories of the province will help bolster the scope of municipal services associations. Furthermore, it will help ensure a linear approach to building code enforcement, better protect occupants and build increased confidence in the integrity of provincial building code standards. We support the proposed code change.

By providing a reliable and consistent standard, adoption of this change will enable our sector to accelerate the delivery of modular housing structure, increase housing supply and provide housing solutions to families with greater certainty on costs and delivery timelines. We thank the Ministry for making this consultation available.

Sincerely,

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