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## **Human Rights in Rental Housing: FRPO Submits Solutions to Reduce Discrimination Against Tenants**

For immediate release – The Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) today submitted recommendations to the Ontario Human Rights Commission on ways to reduce discrimination against rental housing tenants.

Discrimination against individuals who are protected by the Ontario Human Rights Code is unacceptable and should not be tolerated. Constructive discrimination against tenants, in the form of inequitable taxes, barriers to housing supply and misguided housing policies must also be addressed.

FRPO also advocates strongly for a balance among the rights of all tenants and housing providers. All tenants must be free from interference with safe and reasonable enjoyment of their homes while landlords and managers must have the right to provide housing services using legitimate business practices. Rights of those with special needs must provide respect, privacy, individualization and opportunities for integration and full participation.

### **Key recommendations made by FRPO include having the Human Rights Commission:**

- **Protest discrimination against tenants due to inequitable municipal property tax rates**
- **Reduce barriers against low income renters by advocating for a long-term universal shelter allowance program in Ontario**
- **Improve rental housing choice, quality and affordability by supporting elimination of rent controls and policies that prevent redevelopment of rental housing**
- **Develop responsible and accountable guidelines to address the collective needs and circumstances of disabled people who require special accommodations, housing providers and all other tenants**
- **Support continued use of legitimate business practices by landlords to assess prospective tenants and manage financial risk.**

FRPO's entire submission to the Human Rights Commission can be viewed at [www.frpo.org](http://www.frpo.org) under Topics & Issues > Human Rights.

The Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario is the province's leading advocate for quality rental housing, representing over 800 owners and managers who supply homes for over 250,000 households.