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FRPO Supports Release of Human Rights Policies for Rental Housing

Toronto – The Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) today welcomed the release of the Ontario Human Rights Commission’s *Policies on Human Rights and Rental Housing*. “The policies released by the Commission today are a valuable resource for helping housing providers understand their responsibilities while helping to prevent human rights violations in the first place” said Vince Brescia, President and CEO of FRPO.

The Commission’s report released today outlines in detail the rules, policies and procedures that help ensure the practices of private and public sector housing providers are non-discriminatory in nature, and includes information to help landlords take proactive steps to ensure their policies are not having an adverse impact based on Code grounds.

“FRPO’s commitment to being proactive on reducing discrimination is emphasized by its Certified Rental Building (CRB) Program”, said Brescia. “Compliance with the *Human Rights Code* is one of the required standards of practice that must be met in order for a rental building in Ontario to receive the Certified Rental Building Program designation”.

FRPO is a strong supporter of human rights compliance and supports efforts by the Commission to promote education to landlords about the Human Rights Code. Together with its members, FRPO opposes discrimination in all its forms.

About FRPO

The Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario is voice of Ontario’s rental housing industry, representing owners and managers who supply homes for over 250,000 households. As a province-wide non-profit association, our objective is a balanced and healthy housing market with a vital rental-housing industry, choice for consumers, adequate government assistance for low-income households, and private sector solutions to rental-housing needs. Please visit www.frpo.org for more information.

About the Certified Rental Building (CRB) Program

The Certified Rental Building (CRB) Program was developed by FRPO to provide rental housing consumers with a quality assurance alternative they can count on when selecting their rental apartment home. It is the only multi-residential apartment building “certification” program in North America. Please visit www.crbprogram.org for more information on the CRB program.