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Dear service manager,

I know there have been concerns raised about the future of the National Housing Strategy (NHS) following the federal government's previous decision to withhold both its funding over the remaining term and the funds already spent by the province through service managers on the federal government's behalf.

I want to assure you that the Province of Ontario will continue to fund the provincial portion of the NHS. We believe that service managers are best positioned to understand the needs of their local communities and this is why we have fought so hard to retain your role in the program.

I am aware that you have recently received a letter from Minister Fraser. After weeks of discussion, the minister has finally agreed with us on the important role service managers play in delivering housing programs on behalf of the province and our municipal partners.

I want to thank you for your achievements over the past five years. Together we have made extraordinary progress delivering and preserving affordable housing in Ontario. Through your efforts, we are already more than halfway to our target of making available more than 19,000 new affordable housing units. In addition, together we have surpassed the NHS target of renovating, restoring or rehabilitating 26,000 affordable housing units by more than 365 per cent, with more than 96,000 units upgraded. Many of these units would not be available to families without your efforts.

Undoubtedly, the federal government's refusal to reimburse the \$357 million that we have spent on their behalf will have a negative impact on service delivery. I want to assure you that we will continue to work with you to mitigate these impacts so we can provide the best possible services to the people we have the honour of representing.

Again, thank you for all your efforts as we work to deliver and preserve affordable housing across Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Calandra".

Hon. Paul Calandra
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