

LETTER: Proposed tax on empty homes won't help housing affordability

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Dear Editor:

The housing situation right across Canada is appalling.

Since the late 1970s there has been very little if any rental or low-income family housing built. The government of the time removed all incentives to build this type of housing and these incentives have never been replaced.

All levels of government have consistently ignored the fact that not everyone is in the high-income bracket and have failed to provide housing for the low-income earners, many of whom work in our service industry and are so vital to our country.

The young people that are just starting out cannot find a reasonable place to rent and these people are Canada's future. What is going to happen to all those teenagers just finishing high school? What future are they facing? Putting a tax on vacant houses is not going to help any of these people. It's just the usual smoke screen to distract us into thinking something is being done. Shame on Canada and its leaders.

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