**Demand the Housing Minister France-Élaine Duranceau instate mandatory and universal rent control!**

Context

Within our campaign, “As rents explode we need control!”, the RCLALQ demands that the Housing Minister, France-Élaine Duranceau, immediately put in place rent control measures. To help make this happen, you are invited to send an email to the minister to show your support to our demands.

Instructions

1. In the line “Recipients/To” paste in:
   * [France-Elaine.Duranceau.BERR@assnat.qc.ca](mailto:France-Elaine.Duranceau.BERR@assnat.qc.ca)
   * [France-Elaine.Duranceau@assnat.qc.ca](mailto:France-Elaine.Duranceau@assnat.qc.ca)
   * [ministre@habitation.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:ministre@habitation.gouv.qc.ca)
2. Add the RCLALQ in CC:
   * [public@rclalq.qc.ca](mailto:public@rclalq.qc.ca)
3. Copy-paste the message below into the body of the email.

Message text to copy-paste into your email

Subject: Ms. Duranceau, as rents explode we need control!

Attention Minister Duranceau,

Rent prices are exploding and tenants aren’t able to tighten their belts any further : the average rent of a 4 ½ for rent in Quebec is now $1504 a month. For a family, the expense increases to an average rent of $1908 for an apartment of three bedrooms or more. Facing such intimidating rent prices, tenants like me have no other choice than to cut out other essentials in our lives to keep a roof over our heads. Oftentimes, we must live with an apartment that is too small or unsanitary because we simply cannot afford better.

We demand that you put in place, as a matter of urgency, mandatory rent control so that we can live in decent conditions without losing our entire income to rent. We are not well-protected against abusive rent increases, and we all know friends, colleagues or family members that don’t know that it is possible to refuse a rent increase and remain in their apartment. Others still don’t dare refuse their rent increase as they fear retaliation from their landlord. Many more have just signed a lease and don’t know how much the previous tenant was paying.

As a diverse community composed of the elderly, single mothers, racialized people, immigrants, people who are on welfare or who are unemployed, we cannot weather the explosion of rent prices. The weight is currently entirely on our shoulders to refuse rent increases and it is injust! We therefore ask you today to alleviate this burden and to impose mandatory and universal rent control to all residential properties. Moreover, we demand that a lease registry be created and made public to counter abusive rent increases whenevernew tenants are moved in.

Sincerely,

A tenant that won’t be able to afford another rent increase.