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cc:

Councillor Bravo <Councillor\_Bravo@toronto.ca>,  
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TTHAP recipient who has been evicted in 2021  
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Hello Em,

2024 is here, hopefully with more peace in this world. Still, I hope you are ok and I wish you all the best.

Alex Durlak has just sent a letter to Councillor Bravo, Mayor Chow and other officials, and with this email, we are reaching out to you for more detailed information about our TTHAP and COHB.

You informed us at some point last year that our TTHAP would be converted into COHBs during or after March 2024. In response, we replied with some relief but we also listed our worries, among them the fact that the recipients of COHB are usually expected to be erased from the central waiting list for rent-geared-to-income (RGI).

Given that we have had to rely on TTAHP because we lost the deeply affordable housing we had at 17 Paton Road when the city of Toronto ordered us to vacate the building, we feel that it would be very unfair to ask us to be erased from the waiting list for RGI. Similarly, it would be incredibly unfair to ask that those very low income people who accessed TTHAP because of being houseless or evicted at some point in the past would also be erased from the list. COHB is largely not equivalent to RGI in terms of finances and long-term housing security. There is no guarantee that the program will continue past 2029. The City should not bandage TTHAP recipients with a program that actually takes away long-term housing security. May we humbly ask again that you and Councillor Bravo advocate in our direction in this matter?

Then, we have heard that COHBs are calculated by the Minister of Finances and our understanding until now has been that the benefits cover the difference between the local AMR and our income. Is this still valid? If so, who is calculating the "local AMRs" and can we access these calculations?

We would also be very grateful to be informed of more practical matters such as how the transfers to COHB will take place. When will we be informed and by whom? What will be asked of us? What if we refuse to be taken away from the waiting list?

[a personal request was here that has been taken out for this copy]

We are aware that Councillor Bravo and you have done relentless work on housing for Toronto. We thank you for that and in advance for work for us, for your help and your support.

With our regards,  
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for the 17 Paton Road Tenants Association