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Dear Premier Ford,

I urge you to immediately ban evictions for both commercial and residential tenants.

The situation for small businesses in my riding of Toronto-Danforth is grave. If small businesses are unable to pay the rent for their commercial property within 16 days of the first of the month, the landlord has the right, without notice to the tenant, to change the locks and evict the tenant.

A week today, Mr. Premier, many small businesses in my riding and across Ontario will be shuttered, through no fault of their own, and will most likely be closed forever.

Mr. Premier, I urge you to bring in legislation now that will ban commercial and residential evictions.

I would also like to reiterate the NDP's Save Main Street plan which includes:

- A 75 per cent commercial rent subsidy up to \$10,000 a month for three months
- A utility payment freeze
- A remote-work set up fund, which could help them with things like setting up an online retail operation, or buying laptops and software for staff
- An auto insurance grace period for taxis and car-sharing drivers, established in partnership with the insurance industry and the Financial Services Regulatory Authority
- A designated emergency fund for small businesses and entrepreneurs who have faced historic barriers to accessing traditional capital, as proposed by the Canadian Black Chamber of Commerce.

The cost of the Save Main Street plan is estimated to range from \$850 million to \$1.15 billion.

It is my hope that you will follow up immediately to this call for action.

Yours truly,



Peter Tabuns, MPP
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