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Mr. Bill Fisch
Regional Chair
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street,
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Dear Chairman Fisch,

Thornhill Green Co-operative Homes and the **Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada** are very concerned that the information used by York Regional Council to decide to go to court to sell the co-op to York Region's housing company was not fully complete. You did not have the opportunity to hear the other side of the story before taking this unprecedented decision that could result in the eradication of a co-operative community that has been a good neighbour in our Thornhill community and a good home to co-op members for over 15 years.

Please find enclosed a kit with further information regarding the proposed sale of Thornhill Green. We would greatly appreciate a chance to meet with you, at your earliest convenience, to offer our perspective and explore known and proven alternatives that exist to the attempted sale, which as you are no doubt aware, we are challenging in court.

It is well known that York Regional Council has a long history of promoting citizen engagement in community affairs. We believe that resident-controlled housing co-ops are models of the kind of democratic involvement of citizens that you are encouraging in York.

We urge you to take a step back and explore with us a way forward that will benefit everyone. Working together we believe we can preserve a model that has served the Region and community well for many years, and can continue to do so in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,

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