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The Honourable Rob Flack Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing College Park 777 Bay Street, 17th Floor Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Flack.

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) supports your government and the housing development industry in taking collective action to meet Ontario's housing targets. We have also supported the work the province has done and continues to take to address concerns regarding the shortage of qualified building inspectors needed to deliver homes.

In pursuit of this important work, I am writing to express support for providing flexibility to municipalities to use an Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) for Building Code enforcement. AMO has previously endorsed this approach, and we understand that similar recommendations have also been advanced to you by the Ontario Building Officials Association (OBOA), Large Municipalities Chief Building Officials Association (LMCBO), Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA), and the Residential Construction Council of Ontario (RESCON).

Municipalities already use AMPS as an effective tool to manage parking and by-law enforcement. The Building Code Act has been amended to allow the use of AMPS but the enabling section has not yet been proclaimed. Until it is, municipal building officials have to pursue enforcement through the courts under the Provincial Offences Act – a process that is costly and time intensive for municipal officials, builders, and homeowners.

Enabling AMPS would remove this administrative burden, reduce the number of cases taking up time and resources in the courts, and free up the capacity of building officials to focus on issuing building permits. This would in turn reduce red tape and improve the efficiency of municipal building departments to deliver homes faster.

AMO is pleased to support OBOA's recommendation and looks forward to working with you and partners in the development sector to continue delivering much needed housing to our communities.

Sincerely,

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