

Bill for a National Housing Plan stalled

The following is a call for action by Michael Shapcott, the Director of Affordable Housing and Social Innovation at the Wellesley Institute. For more details on this issue and a submission from the Wellesley Institute, please click [here](#).

Much to our regret, Bill C-304 – the private member’s bill that would require the federal housing minister to create a national housing plan within 180 days and table it in Parliament – didn’t complete clause-by-clause review earlier today. The large number of amendments means that the bill will come back to the committee on December 8 and 10th for further consideration. While the bill passed second reading in the Commons with the support of the NDP, Liberals and Bloc, plus one Conservative, there is some jockeying at the committee around various amendments. Since Parliament remains volatile, our goal remains to get the draft legislation through the committee as quickly as possible and back onto the floor of the Commons for the third and final reading (if Parliament is dissolved before the bill is passed, then it “dies on the order paper”. This is the closest that we have come to a national housing plan, so the bill remains critically important. More information to follow. In the meantime, if you haven’t sent a note to the committee indicating your support for a speedy passage, please do so now. If you have sent a note, please send a second communication. Please copy and circulate this to colleagues and those who care about adequate and affordable housing for all in Canada.

Here is contact info for the committee members:

<http://www2.parl.gc.ca/CommitteeBusiness/CommitteeMembership.aspx?Cmte=HUMA&Language=E&Mode=1&Parl=40&Ses=2>

- Michael

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