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Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs,

I am writing to bring attention to the pressing issue of housing insecurity among educators. Despite both adults in my household working full-time, and my own additional role as a Music Director at a church, homeownership remains out of reach for us. It is deeply troubling that those dedicated to shaping the future of our society are struggling to secure stable housing.

The cost of living has risen sharply, yet educator salaries have not kept pace. Many of us are left making impossible choices—between affording rent, saving for a home, or meeting basic living expenses. The reality of financial insecurity weighs heavily on teachers, who should be able to focus on their students without the added stress of wondering if they can keep a roof over their heads.

This situation is unacceptable. We need immediate legislative action to ensure that educators are compensated fairly and have access to affordable housing options. Our commitment to education should not come at the cost of our own financial well-being. I urge you to consider policy solutions that address these concerns so that teachers can continue to serve their students and communities without the fear of housing instability.

Thank you for your time and attention to this urgent matter.