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OHBA Statement on Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022

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TORONTO – The Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) welcomes today's legislation, the *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022* which will bring in more municipal accountability to address the urgent lack of housing supply. The legislation announced today will provide heads of council in Toronto and Ottawa the tools needed to rapidly approve more housing and make meaningful progress on improving affordability. "The bottom line is this, more homes mean lower costs for buyers and growth-oriented cities can use these tools to get homes built for future residents who are depending on them," noted OHBA President, Bob Schickedanz. "When taken into consideration with the 5-Priority Actions that OHBA have identified as central to increasing housing supply, the measures in today's legislation are aimed squarely at helping growing cities thrive and increase housing affordability." More is still needed, but this is an important first step towards building the homes that Ontarians require right now and into the future. OHBA looks forward to seeing this legislation move ahead and are ready to work with the province and municipal governments across Ontario to get more shovels in the ground.

The Ontario Home Builders' Association is the voice of the residential construction industry in Ontario, representing 4,000 member companies organized into 27 local associations across the province. The residential construction industry annually contributes over \$76 billion dollars to Ontario's economy, employing more than 550,000 people across the province.

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