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### **INCLUSIONARY ZONING WILL ONLY WORK THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS**

Toronto, May 18, 2016 -- Today the provincial government introduced legislation which will enable municipalities to force the inclusion of affordable housing units in new residential projects. The Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) believes that partnerships are a critical component if inclusionary zoning is to work in Ontario and the proposed legislation falls short.

"We all know that housing is never free. The best way to create affordable housing without piling on taxes, charges and red tape on the price of new housing is through partnerships among the private sector, non-profits and governments. Successful American inclusionary zoning programs are always supported by government planning and financial incentives," said Joe Vaccaro, Chief Executive Officer of OHBA who added, "The waiving of the Section 37 requirement is a positive move, but the legislation at this point doesn't create a successful partnership framework, particularly by eliminating Official Plan appeals."

OHBA is concerned that once a municipality decides on their inclusionary zoning policies there is no recourse to appeal by anyone. "This legislation provides municipalities with powers that will limit the productive dialogue between the private sector and existing residents with municipal council. This could create a very toxic environment when a municipality determines where to impose these new units," said Vaccaro.

OHBA will continue to advocate for provincial legislation that will create a positive partnership framework to support affordable housing units without undermining housing affordability. Access to housing is part of a healthy and vibrant Ontario and all levels of government, the non-profit sector and the development industry each have a role to play to improve access to housing. We believe that a partnership model is the most effective way to make a significant impact, and essential for seeing success with this initiative.

*The Ontario Home Builders' Association is the voice of the building, land development and professional renovation industry in Ontario representing 4,000 member companies organized into 30 local associations across the province. Our members have built over 700,000 homes in the last ten years in over 500 Ontario communities. The industry contributes over \$44 billion to Ontario's economy, employing over 313,000 people across the province.*

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