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We're holding the Province of BC, the City of Surrey, and his landlords responsible for the hardship Johnathan has endured. How can tenants stay safe from the pandemic when they are harassed in their own homes, living in untenable conditions while some profit off their need for shelter? Who is there to protect tenants when the City's Standards of Maintenance bylaw regularly goes unenforced?

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Most importantly, we demand that the NDP government reinstate the eviction moratorium now. We can't allow more people to be thrown into the streets to face a heightened risk of death due to the pandemic, violence, overdose, and the cold. No one should be homeless while a few people make millions by commodifying the land.

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