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Help Axe the Double Tenant Tax in New Brunswick in 2010

Dear Sir/Madame

Since 2005 the New Brunswick Apartment Owners Association (NBAOA) has been lobbying the government of New Brunswick to address the issue of Double Tenant Taxation in the province. The government has acknowledged that this practice is an issue a number of times, but has failed to do something about it despite previous campaign promises and mandates.

During the 2010 provincial election, NBAOA wants the candidates to go beyond simple acknowledgement of the issue and commit to eliminating the unjust double tenant tax in New Brunswick once and for all.

It is time for change. We must stop taxing those who can least afford it twice and give relief to property owners and tenants now. Our elected officials must Axe the Double Tenant Tax in 2010.

We are asking all landlords and tenants to speak out on this issue. With more than 250,000 residents in New Brunswick renting their living accommodations the time to move our elected officials to "action" is on September 27th. Together we can help change the practice of taxing tenants more than ***TWICE*** as much as average homeowners in New Brunswick and of tenants living in the rest of Canada.

Speak out on this issue. You can make a difference by:

- Learning more about Double Tenant Taxation by visiting www.rentnb.ca
 - On this website you will find a summary about the issue of Double Taxation, as well as facts and figures about how rents are impacted.
- Asking your candidates to *Axe the Double Tenant Tax* in New Brunswick. Have them explain why tenants should bear such a heavy tax burden and what they will do to fix this issue if elected?
- Download the "Letter to Party Leaders" from our website (www.rentnb.ca) and send it to your party leader to let them know you demand change now.
- Join the **NBAOA Facebook page** and follow the latest developments on the issue of Double Tenant Taxation leading up to the election.
- Pass this information on to other tenants you know that want to eliminate the Double Tenant Tax in New Brunswick.

Tax from non-owner occupied properties represents less than 1% (0.087%) of New Brunswick's budgeted revenue. NBAOA is recommending that our next government:

- Eliminate the unjust Double Tenant Tax on tenants in New Brunswick on a three-year phased in basis to reduce the impact on the Province's budget.
- Freeze rental rates for three years.

After five years of raising awareness and numerous acknowledgments by our elected officials that double taxing the tenants of New Brunswick, it is time to tell the candidates enough is enough. **It is time to Axe the Double Tenant Tax in 2010.**

Thank you for your support!

