



March 11, 2026

Hon. Steven MacKinnon
Government House Leader
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
K1V 9K2

Dear Minister MacKinnon,

I am writing to you on behalf of the over 8,500 members of Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) regarding Bill C-4.

It has been almost one year (March 20, 2025) since the Prime Minister announced the government's intention to remove the GST on new homes between \$1 million and \$1.5 million for first-time buyers. To be very clear, until this bill receives Royal Assent, new home buyers cannot access the proposed GST rebate.

What has happened in the past year, while waiting for this change to take effect, is would-be buyers have been waiting on the sidelines, preventing purchases and housing starts. The bill has had an unnecessarily protracted passage through the House of Commons, delaying approval for months, at extreme cost to a struggling industry and a country in the middle of a housing crisis.

While the intent of this measure was to increase housing supply, the impact of not getting this through parliament has been the exact opposite. Now, the bill is delayed in the Senate. We are aware of the message sent to the House of Commons on February 26, 2026, proposing amendments to Part 4 of the bill.

In September, CHBA wrote to the members of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance stating: *There is also concern from industry that the inclusion in the legislation of measures to address the Canada Elections Act, a measure that has nothing to do with affordability, will further slowdown the bill's passage as it has received criticism from privacy advocates. If the section is going to hold up the bill, then it needs to be removed and made its own standalone legislation.*





CHBA implores the government to do what is necessary to get past this legislative standoff immediately and to ensure that the affordability sections of the bill are allowed to pass through the Senate without further delay. The government's claim to support first-time buyers remains unfulfilled, and neither Canadians nor the home building industry can afford for this to be delayed any further.

Sincerely,

Kevin Lee, P.ENG., M.ARCH.
CEO, CHBA

