

Ontario Introduces Legislation to Freeze Residential Rent in 2021

The Ontario government has introduced the Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act that would, if passed, freeze rent in 2021 for most rent-controlled and non-rent-controlled residential units. The bill would provide the vast majority of Ontario's tenants with financial relief as the province continues down the path of renewal, growth and economic recovery.

The announcement was made today by Premier Doug Ford, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

"From the very beginning of this pandemic, our government promised the families, workers and small business owners of this province that we would have their backs and provide them with the support they need to get back on their feet," said Premier Ford. "The crisis is far from over and the threat of a second wave is real, as are the challenges it will bring. That's why we need to take the necessary steps now to help families keep a roof over their heads and small businesses keep their doors open."

The Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act also proposes to change the Commercial Tenancies Act to extend the temporary ban on evictions for commercial tenants. The ban was initially in place from May 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020, to align with the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) for small businesses. This temporary ban would continue to apply to businesses that are eligible for federal-provincial assistance

through the CECRA for small businesses, but their landlord chose not to apply for the program. The ban will protect small businesses from being locked out or having their assets seized during COVID-19.

"Our government wants to stabilize rents for Ontario's 1.7 million rental households for 2021, because this year is not like any other year," said Minister Clark. "We know that families are continuing to be impacted by COVID-19. We know landlords have worked hard to be accommodating and have made sacrifices. We know that by continuing to work together, we will move past this extraordinary time and get Ontario back on track."

Extending the ban on commercial evictions would allow Ontario to continue to protect small businesses and help them get back on their feet, so they can create jobs and help rebuild the economy.

"Our government has been there to support small businesses since the beginning of COVID-19," said Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance. "We partnered with the federal government to provide commercial rent relief and so far over 50,000 tenants have received support. Unfortunately, COVID-19 isn't behind us. That's why we are working with our federal partners to explore opportunities to ensure small businesses continue to receive the support they need." This proposed legislation would also create a single register of voters for municipal and provincial elections, which is expected to be more accurate, could mean fewer correc-

tions for voters at polling stations, fewer delays for people on election day, and may reduce costs for municipalities.

QUICK FACTS

The Residential Tenancies Act sets out the formula for calculating the maximum allowable rent increase for the next year in rent-controlled units. These amendments would revise the guideline for 2021, which is set at 1.5 per cent.

The residential rent increase guideline applies to most tenants living in rented houses, semis, basement apartments, condos, as well as care homes, mobile homes, and land lease communities. The proposed rent freeze would end on December 31, 2021. However, a landlord could give proper 90 days' notice before the freeze ends for a rent increase that takes effect starting in 2022.

The Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, passed this summer, encourages landlords to try to negotiate a repayment agreement with a tenant before seeking eviction if rent has not been paid during COVID-19.

Ontario is providing help to keep vulnerable people safe through the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes \$510 million in funding to local service managers and Indigenous program administrators who were given the flexibility to expand the key services they already offer to meet their local needs, including supporting people who are having difficulty paying rent.

The extension to the commercial eviction ban would apply to businesses eligible for the CECRA for small businesses program.

CONSERVATIVE LEADER MADE TO WAIT TO GET TESTED

OTTAWA, ON – The Honourable Erin O'Toole, Leader of Canada's Conservatives and of the Official Opposition, and his family were tested for COVID-19 this morning in Gatineau.

On Wednesday morning, Mr. O'Toole took his family to an assessment centre in the Ottawa Public Health Unit. After waiting for hours in line, the O'Toole family was turned away because the centre had reached capacity. Over the course of the afternoon, the O'Toole family contacted Ottawa Public Health to determine which area facility still had availability and an appointment for testing on Friday was offered.

The House of Commons makes testing available for MPs and their families in Gatineau and were able to accommodate the O'Toole family this morning at 9am for testing. The O'Toole family is continuing to self-isolate.

"While waiting in the COVID-19 testing line up, I was struck by how many families were waiting just like ours. Children are being sent home from school to get tested, and it is hard for moms and dads to keep them calm. The test itself is unpleasant for an adult, but it's worse as a parent to watch your young child take the test. The Trudeau Liberals have created this mess by refusing to approve other testing methods - despite all our allies having, for months, multiple tests including much faster and less invasive methods. I stand with the thousands of Canadian families who are waiting in lines today for tests. It has been seven months, Justin Trudeau must answer for why we do not have access to more of the tests our allies are using."

The Hon. Erin O'Toole, Leader of Canada's Conservatives and of the Official Opposition



When we had a CIA that worked for America

By Cliff Kincaid

The left-wing Soros-funded National Security Archive has released some documents about the CIA's good old days, when the agency had anti-communists on its staff and they responded to the orders of a duly elected president. The documents concern the overthrow of the communist president of Chile in 1973.

Chile was once run by an associate of Fidel Castro. Today, there is a narco-terrorist communist regime in Venezuela and the CIA can't seem to do anything about it.

The National Security Archive is outraged, of course, by the documents it highlighted on the 50th anniversary of President Richard Nixon's September 15, 1970, order to overthrow the communist Chilean President Salvador Allende. But I find this document refreshing. "1 in 10 chance, perhaps, but save Chile," ordered Nixon.

In this case, officials did the right thing, carrying out the president's orders to thwart the communist advance in South America. "Not concerned [about] risks involved," wrote CIA director Richard Helms about the president's orders and policy. It was successful.

The National Security Archive receives millions of dollars from left-wing foundations, including the Soros-funded Open Society Institute, but also gets money from Dow Jones and the New York Times. It frets that Nixon had "demanded regime change in the South American nation that had become the first in the world to freely elect a Socialist candidate."

Socialist? He was a Castro puppet. And he seized power with only 36 percent of the vote. It's a "full time job – best men we have," Nixon had said, arguing for a sustained effort to stop communism in Chile. "Make the economy scream." The CIA didn't have to work too hard. The people didn't want communism and turned out in the streets to protest. The military responded with a coup against Allende and General Augusto Pinochet took power.

Faced with a popular rebellion against his communist policies, Allende shot himself with an AK-47 assault rifle given to him by Castro.

Coup leader Pinochet saved Chile from communism, and presided over a transition to a free market economy that produced the greatest prosperity in Chilean history. He led a revolution in Chile that by communist standards was virtually bloodless. Some 3,000 people were killed by the military when it overthrew Salvador Allende. By contrast, in Russia and China, millions were slaughtered during their reigns of terror.

Pinochet stepped down from power voluntarily and preserved freedom in Chile. But the Communists and their friends could not forgive Pinochet for saving Chile from communism. A renegade left-wing Spanish prosecutor tried to have Pinochet prosecuted for human rights violations when he visited London for medical treatment.

Consider the CIA today, in regard to Venezuela's Allende, the late Hugo Chavez, who was succeeded by Nicolás Maduro. President Trump's proposed replacement—Venezuelan National Assembly President Juan Guaido—is another socialist. His Popular Will party is a "progressive" party and a member of the Socialist International. He doesn't inspire much confidence.

With years to plan Maduro's demise, but crippled under Barack Hussein Obama, the CIA is in such bad shape they can't or won't replace one socialist with another. Guaido, the speaker of the National Assembly, is still on the outside looking in, wondering why the CIA is so incompetent and clamoring for more economic sanctions on the regime. But they haven't been enough to generate "regime change."

If any country was ripe for an anti-communist revolution, it is Venezuela. But the CIA can't pull it off. President Trump should find out why.

Venezuela was once a major oil exporting nation but became an economic basket case under Chavez and Maduro. The regime is more of a national security problem than Iran and is believed to be running guns to terrorists and trafficking cocaine. Indeed, the Department of Justice in March indicted Maduro and other officials, along with two Colombia terrorist leaders, on drug and other charges.

U.S. Attorney Geoffrey S. Berman said Maduro and the other defendants "expressly intended to flood the United States with cocaine in order to undermine the health and wellbeing of our nation."

It's great for President Trump to be presiding over peace in the Middle East, but what about the security threat a few thousand miles south of our border in Venezuela?

Former CIA officer Brian Latell, author of Castro's Secrets, once revealed that Hugo Chavez and/or his brother Adan were likely recruited by Castro's intelligence service and that the Venezuelan intelligence service operates as an "adjunct" of the Cuban DGI.

Yet, current and former CIA officials seem more concerned about Trump. Former CIA officials Michael Morell, Michael Hayden and Philip Mudd all denounced Trump before he took office. Former CIA operations officer Evan McMullin ran against him as an independent presidential candidate.

Obama's director of the CIA was John Brennan, who voted for the Communist Party (CPUSA) ticket when he was in college but was hired by the CIA anyway and quickly rose through the ranks. He is implicated in the Deep State effort to destroy the Trump presidency.

The disclosures from the National Security Archive remind us of the days when the CIA destabilized communist regimes. Our own anti-communist Trump presidency seems to be their number one target these days. They seem to want to install a socialist regime in Washington, D.C. them for hetates of Socialism, another go at it here in the U.S. "feels like Elizabeth Taylor's eighth marriage, a triumph of hope over experience."

It's time to put away all illusions of grandeur; socialism is a false hope, a mirage at best. As D'Souza says, it's "the ideology of thieves," and those who fall for it become "connivers attracted by the rip-off scheme."

Socialism doesn't work. It can never succeed because no government initiative that defies one of God's Ten Commandments can endure a Sovereign God's disapproval and the withdrawal of his blessing. It doesn't matter the amount of hope placed in it, or how many times its tried, or how many tweaks are made to it, it is destined for utter failure.



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