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Dear Head of Council:

The Ontario government recently approved the new regulations for suite-metering under the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006*.

The new *Energy Consumer Protection Act, 2010* allows for installation of suite meters in residential rental units.

It is important to note that these rules will require landlords to obtain written consent from their current tenants before they can bill them for their own electricity use.

The regulations for suite-metering provide protections for tenants, set out the responsibilities of both landlords and tenants, and set clear and fair rules for how to implement suite meters in rental housing.

Our government has consulted extensively in order to develop rules that balance the interests of landlords and tenants.

The regulations for suite-metering come into effect after the *Energy Consumer Protection Act, 2010* becomes law on January 1, 2011. In the meantime, I am asking municipalities to help us raise the awareness of tenants about their rights and responsibilities.

By visiting www.ontario.ca/SuiteMeters, Ontarians can access the "Tenant's Guide to Suite Meters", which is available in 10 languages besides English and French.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is encouraging municipalities to post this information on their websites to help tenants across Ontario to become more familiar with the regulations for suite-metering.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Bartolucci".

Rick Bartolucci, MPP, Sudbury
Minister