

To whom it may concern,

With an aging population and a critical shortage of housing, this Catalogue program can simplify and accelerate the process of developing new residential projects accessible to everyone - of any age or ability. Universal design must be a core value of every design contained in the Catalogue.

Housing must be designed and built to last, regardless of its category, size or style. Universal design embodies the belief that a space can be designed in a way that meets the evolving needs of a person throughout their lifetime, despite accident, injury or old age. Ensuring that all housing in Canada starts with universal design is proactive, sustainable and cost-effective.

Everyone benefits from the features available with universal design, and our most vulnerable Canadians will finally have livable housing options if universal design becomes the new industry standard. This new Catalogue program can give us a start.

Sincerely.