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Dear Harlene:

The Denman Community Land Association's (DCLTA) proposed Senior's Affordable Housing Project has the potential to help meet the growing demand for affordable, appropriate and available housing for low income seniors.

According to the May 2015 report from the Office of the Seniors Advocate Office, "the availability of suitable housing for seniors is lacking in most of the rural and remote areas of the province" (p.4). These seniors often have a strong and lengthy commitment to the rural environment and are an integral part of the social fabric of those communities.

Without the option of rural affordable housing, low-income seniors may have no choice but to relocate to urban centres to meet their housing needs – urban areas which are struggling to meet the needs of their own aging population.

Non-profit organizations, such as DCLTA, are an essential component of a successful National Housing Strategy. I am in full support of community initiatives to address the affordable housing crisis in my Courtenay-Alberni riding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gord Johns'.

Gord Johns, MP