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Hello everyone,

Homelessness is a multi-faceted problem that requires a coordinated, strategic response with a continuum of housing options and support services. We know that more Manitobans are experiencing homelessness and precarious housing than ever before.

In the Speech from the Throne 2021, the provincial government committed to introducing a homelessness strategy in 2022 that emphasizes a whole-of-government-approach. Your help is essential for us to develop and implement a provincial strategy to end homelessness in Manitoba.

From January 12, 2022 to February 25, 2022, Manitoba Families is leading a province-wide engagement process to inform the strategy's approach, priorities and actions. We will facilitate a series of two hour sessions based on the attached discussion paper. Please read the paper and reflect on the questions that will form the basis of our discussions.

We understand local knowledge, especially in marginalized communities, is vital to developing an effective provincial strategy. We are seeking organizations willing to facilitate conversations with Manitobans who have lived experienced being precariously housed or unsheltered. If you are interested, please contact us at homelessness@gov.mb.ca or 204-430-7481.

We have much work ahead to address homelessness from immediate needs to prevention. We look forward to embarking on this journey together to develop a provincial strategy that modernizes our emergency response, provides person-centered service delivery and builds capacity in rural and northern Manitoba.

Sincerely,

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