

MESSAGE TO TONY IRWIN AND FRPO



Your support of Bill 60 and the fast tracking of evictions across Ontario will have a devastating effect in low-income communities and result in an explosion of homelessness and more encampments. These changes were supported and lobbied for by corporate landlords - many of which belong to your federation. Corporate landlords are driven by greed and exist for the sole purpose of making profits. People have been gouged by these corporate landlords for decades and now people must live with the fear of being put on the streets if they fall behind in their rent. The fast tracking of evictions comes at a time when Ontarians are facing great economic uncertainty. Many people in this province live from pay cheque to pay cheque and often have to make a decision between buying food for themselves and their children or paying the rent. Now they have the added stress of being put through a heartless eviction process that is meant protect corporate landlords.

Members of your federation and their friends paid \$310 to attend this evening's event which we understand has sold out. This means that the 1,200 people attending your event paid a total of \$372,000. Just so you understand \$310 is close to the equivalent to what a single adult receives on Ontario Works for their most basic needs for the whole month- \$343 a month. Your members just spent that much in one evening.

We have come to FRPO's MAC Awards celebration at the Metro Convention Centre tonight to give you a clear message – WE WILL NOT SUFFER IN SILENCE. We will organize and fight back against an inhumane eviction process. We have every intention of confronting those who lobby for government policies that create fear and leave people destitute. Without social housing and adequate income we are left in the hands of greedy corporate landlords whose only interest is the bottom line. You must understand that we have every intention to confront your organization and expose it for what it is – heartless and inhumane.

