[Land Trust Name]

[Address]

[City + Postal Code]

We are writing this letter in support of the Kamloops & District Chamber of Commerce’s Innovative Tax Policy. The goal of a Community Land Trust is to leverage donated or purchased land to develop affordable housing for community residents of low or moderate incomes to purchase or rent. Obtaining land donations to carry out our mission is very difficult currently, due to the large tax disincentives for corporations and individual philanthropists to donate unused or underutilized land.

Our organization, [Insert Name], has experienced this challenge first-hand. We are a Community Land Trust operating out of [Insert City] since [Year]. [Insert additional background information about your organization that you would like to share.]

Community Land Trusts play a vital role in enhancing overall community wellbeing through ensuring that every Canadian has access to safe and affordable housing. The following policy provides a tangible solution to a challenge all Community Land Trusts face across the country – namely, that our mission to develop affordable housing for local residents is predicated on being able to acquire the land to house these individuals in the first place.

In closing, we see this policy as a powerful tool to incentivize private landowners to donate land to land trusts and help us carry out our mission to end the housing crisis in Canada. This housing affordability crisis is not a new phenomenon, and we would like to see Members of Parliament from across the country support this policy through legislation so that Community Land Trusts can be empowered to tackle this challenge head-on. We fully support and endorse this innovative policy and call on all elected officials to support the attached tax policy.

Sincerely,

[Name of individual]

[Position or title within organization]

[Name of Organization]