Dear [Name of elected official],

I am a member of [NAME] Presbyterian Church in [PLACE]. Housing is a primary source of stability, security and well-being that must be adequate, appropriate, safe and affordable, and give access to services such as clean water, sanitation, healthcare and schools. To address the lived experiences of housing insecurity, governments must treat housing as a human right. Your government plays an essential role in ensuring that affordable housing in [PLACE] responds to the lived experiences of vulnerable people and responds to the diverse experiences of people who face systemic barriers to housing security.

I write to you in support of [Title of housing initiative].

In our community… [Outline barriers to accessing affordable housing in your community. Wherever possible, try to draw on the lived experiences of people facing housing insecurity.]

[Title of housing initiative] strives to address… [Outline the communities that the affordable housing initiative you support strives to meet. In this paragraph, be sure to include information about how the lived experience of people you are working with are being included in decision making, and how leadership from within that community is prioritized.]

While it is important for all levels of government to cooperate to address the housing crisis, it is local work in our [Province or municipality, as appropriate], that is essential for addressing the needs in [PLACE]. Your leadership is critical.

I would like the opportunity to discuss this with you. I look forward hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[Your name]