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It is my honour to advocate on behalf of Canada's senior citizens, to ensure they have access to the resources they need so they can live above the bar of dignity. No senior in Canada should be without a safe, stable place to call home. Too many older Canadians live below the bar of dignity, struggle to cover the cost of living, and are forced to go without vital medications and other resources because the price of necessities has increased so dramatically.

Bill C-207 The Right to Housing

As part of my advocacy for seniors in Canada, I initiated a private Member's bill on housing. The bill would amend the Canadian Bill of Rights to include the right to affordable housing at a reasonable cost that is free of unreasonable barriers.

If passed, [Bill C-207, An Act to amend the Canadian Bill of Rights \(right to housing\)](#) would

- Make affordable housing a right protected by law
 - Redefine the federal framework for housing legislation
 - Set requirements for the Minister of Justice to ensure every regulation change moving forward is consistent with that right
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- Hold the federal government accountable for ensuring affordable housing is available to all Canadians.

To view this private Member's bill being introduced, you can visit [here](#).



Rachel and Jagmeet visit Habitat for Humanity

Old Age Security

I have heard from many seniors that they are paying a lot in taxes, which is putting an incredible strain on their finances, given the impacts of inflation. The NDP and I are pushing to have Old Age Security increased for all seniors, not just those aged 75 and older.

Join me in petitioning the Liberal Government to increase Old Age Security so

all seniors receive the financial support they need to afford basic necessities. It is unacceptable that seniors live in poverty after having worked their lives to build this country. They deserve better treatment from the government. If you agree, [download the petition](#), encourage your friends, family, and neighbours to sign it, then mail it to me postage-free.



Advocacy

You can see more of my advocacy for seniors during Question Period, including my demand that the government increase the Guaranteed Income Supplement and my concerns about seniors living below the poverty line [here](#).

As always, I want to hear from you. What issues and concerns are priorities for

you? Please email me at Rachel.Blaney@parl.gc.ca to share your thoughts, so I can set my critic agenda for the fall session.

Sincerely,



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