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CMHC SEEKS TO COVER-UP ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE “LEAKY CONDO” CRISIS

OTTAWA—John Cummins, M.P. (Delta-Richmond East) today in the House of Commons called on the Minister responsible for CMHC to be open and honest with homeowners in British Columbia about CMHC’s complicity in the \$1 billion “leaky condo” disaster.

His statement and question in the House of Commons was as follows:

“Mr. Speaker, over a month ago I provided the minister responsible for CMHC with documents received under access to information that made it clear that in 1981 CMHC was aware of the “leaky condo” problem in British Columbia but failed to issue a public warning to homeowners and builders because of concerns about liability and defaulting mortgages.

CMHC abandoned its duty to protect the public because it wanted to protect itself. Recently obtained documents show that in 1981 CMHC requested that the national building code be amended to prevent what was to become a two decade long nightmare for B.C. homeowners. Nothing was done.

CMHC failed to take action to prevent this costly disaster. CMHC failed to warn homeowners whose lives were to be devastated by this conspiracy of silence. CMHC failed to advise the builders so that flawed building practices could be changed to protect homeowners.

When will the minister end the cover-up?”

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