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Opportunities for the Canadian Federal Government related to newly built homes

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	Ministry of Housing	Ministry of	Natural	Ministry of the
		Innovation,	Resources	Environment and Climate
		Science, and	Canada	Change
		Industry		
Affordable	→ Ensure all Codes		→ Address issues	→ Work with the Ministry
housing	(building code,		with "Energy Star	of Housing to ensure all
	electrical code,		Certified"	Codes are enforced
	etc.) are enforced		program to	during construction
	during		ensure that it	
	construction,		consistently	→ Work with the Ministry
	including		achieves desired	of Housing to streamline
	establishing a		results	Code development
	national			(National, provincial,
	requirement for		→ Stop paying	territorial) so that Codes
	Code enforcement.		Greener Home	are responsive to the
			Grants on newly	need, e.g., related to
	→ Streamline Code		built homes still	energy and climate
	development		under warranty;	change
	(National,		focus on building	
	provincial,		properly at the	→ Work with the Ministry
	territorial) so that		outset	of Housing to inspect
	Codes are			homes built via the
	responsive to the			National Housing Strategy
	need, e.g., related			before they are occupied
	to energy and			to ensure that the
	climate change			standards are met. When
				the standards are not
	→ Inspect homes			met, ensure that the
	built via the			construction
	National Housing			defects/Code violations
	Strategy before			are properly repaired
	they are occupied			before the homes are
	to ensure that the			occupied.
	standards are met.			
	When the			→ Work with Natural
	standards are not			Resources Canada to

	met, ensure that the construction defects/Code violations are properly repaired before the homes are occupied.		address issues with "Energy Star Certified" program to ensure that it consistently achieves desired results → Work with Natural Resources Canada to stop paying Greener Home Grants on newly built homes still under warranty; focus on building properly at the outset.
Enhance Consumer Protection		→ Establish an independent Canadian Consumer Advocate accountable to Parliament to advance consumer interests and represent Canadian consumers in relation to newly built homes	
Homebuyers' Bill of Rights	→ Address serious shortage of qualified home inspectors in relation to legal right to home inspection → Ensure that the legal right to home inspection includes newly built homes, not just resale		

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