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## Petition

To The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

### WHEREAS:

- From 2009-2018, Fortress Real Developments “Fortress” of Ontario, and its affiliate brokerages raised \$920 Million gross in Syndicated Mortgage Investments (SMIs). Its affiliate brokerages included BDMC, FDS Broker Services Inc, FFM Capital Inc and FMP Mortgage Investments Inc. SMIs were promoted to the public as being safe, 8% interest, guaranteed principal secured by real estate, and RRSP eligible. The principals of Fortress are Jawad Rathore and Vince Petrozza.
- The Financial Services Commission of Ontario, “FSCO”, received numerous complaints from industry experts and investors regarding Fortress and its affiliate brokerages since 2011. Concerns included SMIs being highly unsuitable for the majority of investors, high risk, excessive commissions and misleading the public.
- In the same year, the Ontario Securities Commission “OSC” fined and banned Rathore & Petrozza from the securities industry for 15 years regarding their “Phoenix” business scheme, for contravening OSC regulations and misleading investors. The agreed settlement allowed them to continue practicing in the mortgage business.
- FSCO only acted in February 2018 after a Reuters article was published regarding their lack of SMI regulation.
- The RCMP raided Fortress and its affiliate brokerages in April 2018. Investors learned that the property values were grossly inflated, and that only 50% of their principal went towards the development.
- FAAN Mortgage was appointed in 2018 by the Court as Trustee to administer the FDI projects and has confirmed to investors that over \$200 Million is lost, with another \$200 million sitting in projects that are in distress.
- Thousands of hard working Canadians have lost their life savings. The victims and their families are suffering extreme financial and emotional hardship as result of losing their Fortress investment.
- A recent fine of \$250,000 by FSRA to Fortress is a clear message that the current regulations and penalties don’t deter, they entice fraud. The public has to pay for the regulator’s failure to regulate and protect the public against White Collar Crime.
- RCMP have yet to lay charges on what is believed to be the largest mortgage fraud in Canadian history.

### We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

We demand that an in-depth, independent public inquiry be launched to investigate FSCO’s handling of Fortress Real Development & affiliate brokerage Syndicated Mortgage Investment complaints, and their failed duty to protect the investors. This includes an investigation into the executives of the Licensing and Market Conduct Division, investigative team, investigative procedures, escalation and complaint processes, risk management, adherence to legislation.

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