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President Nicholas Crossan,  
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Dear President Crossan,

I hope you are keeping well. I write to you in respect of a request from our members of Dublin City Council's Finance Strategic Policy Committee. The escalating value of rent arrears for Dublin City Council is of a concerning matter, €37,895,467 was owed at year end, 2021. The view to deducted Local Authority rents at source has being a topic of debate by our members for some time now. Section 53 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 allows for the Minister of Social Protection to enact this request.

I wrote to Minister O'Brien last month requesting an invitation to one of our Councillor's to join the working group, already established by the Department, tasked with developing an implementation plan to introduce a national standardised rents system and to consider the commencement of Section 53. Minister O'Brien responded (correspondence attached), informing members that the decision was made to defer the implementation plan and the commencement of Section 53.

The members were disappointed with the response and have asked that I respond to the Minister (correspondence attached) bringing his attention to the principle where a nominee of the CCMA is sought, a nominee of AILG should also be included.

I would be grateful if you could support this proposal and contact the Minister requesting the inclusion of an AILG nominee onto the working group.

Yours Sincerely,

**Cllr Seamas McGrattan**  
**Chairperson**  
**Finance Strategic Policy Committee**  
**Dublin City Council**