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**Monique Taylor, MPP**  
Hamilton Mountain

Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
Members of City Council  
City of Hamilton  
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May 19, 2015

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I write today in support of the preservation of the Auchmar Estate so that it may stand as a testament to Hamilton's historical past and that it may be enjoyed by future generations of Hamiltonians.

Auchmar sits on the western edge of my provincial riding of Hamilton Mountain. Since my election to Provincial Parliament, I've had the pleasure of meeting with representatives of the Friends of Auchmar on a few occasions who also facilitated a tour of the property for me.

As you will be aware, Auchmar was built between 1852 and 1854 by Isaac Buchanan one of the most influential figures in Hamilton's early days. An international merchant, Buchanan was a founder of the Hamilton Board of Trade, was first president of the Hamilton Club and played a key role in the establishment of the Great Western Railroad.

The building itself, built in the Gothic Revival style, is in relatively intact condition and is recognized by the Ontario Heritage Trust as having significant historical value. It sits within a very rare example of a mid-Victorian estate in Ontario.

As the MPP for Hamilton Mountain, an area of the city with very few architectural links to our early days, I urge you to take appropriate steps to ensure the preservation of Auchmar. Our city has changed a lot in the past 160 years but to neglect our past is to do a dis-service to the people we represent.

Our heritage rests in the walls of Auchmar and can serve as a public treasure for the years and generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monique Taylor".

Monique Taylor

cc. Rose Caterini, City Clerk