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Mayor Fred Eisenberger Hamilton City Hall 71 Main Street West Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Council:

Thank you for expressing an interest in my private member's bill, Bill 36 – the *Respecting Private Property Act*. I am pleased that the government has adopted parts of my private member's bill by including elements of it in the recently introduced legislation, the *Supporting Ontario's Trails Act*.

Currently there is a maximum limit of \$1,000 on compensation for damages. The *Supporting Ontario's Trails Act* would increase the fine limit to a maximum of \$10,000 and would remove the \$1,000 compensation limit.

The purpose of my private member's bill is to ensure property owners are fairly compensated for destruction to their property and signal that trespassing is a serious issue that will not be taken lightly. I am happy to see that the government has incorporated parts of Bill 36 in their legislation, and I will continue to update you on the progress of this legislation.

Once again I would like to thank you for your support in my private member's bill.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon

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