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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
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Ms. Alissa Denham-Robinson
Chair, Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee

City of Hamilton
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Dear Mr. Mayor and Ms. Denham-Robinson:

Thank you for your correspondence of February 15, 2018, regarding the report of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, *Preserving Canada's Heritage: The Foundation for Tomorrow*, and the Committee's recommendation to establish a tax credit for the conservation of heritage buildings.

The Government of Canada is committed to responding to the recommendations contained in the report as part of its ongoing commitment to protecting Canada's heritage places. The Committee's 17 recommendations are ambitious and go beyond conserving the heritage places administered by the federal government.

The report highlights a number of challenges and opportunities that will require a thorough review and engagement with provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, Indigenous partners, and heritage stakeholders. In the Government Response tabled on March 23, 2018, I committed to considering each of the report's recommendations carefully, and to providing the Committee with a recommendation by recommendation response in December 2018.

As matters of tax policy fall under the purview of the Honourable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance, to whom you have already sent a copy of your correspondence, I have taken the liberty of forwarding to him a copy of this response and trust that he will give all due consideration to this question.

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I appreciate you taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Bill Morneau, P.C., M.P.

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