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Hon. Steve Clark
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Minister Clark,

I am once again urging you to rescind the Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) issued for Century Manor located in Hamilton-West, Ancaster, Dundas. Century Manor was built in 1884 and is designated as a Heritage Site under the Ontario Heritage Act. The provincial government has steamrolled the City of Hamilton's broader vision for the land and continues to ignore the input of our community.

A Minister's Zoning Order may exempt developers from holding public hearings and allows for critical local planning processes to be bypassed. Hamilton residents have long been concerned that this MZO will allow the government to demolish a designated Heritage Site. This is exactly what appears to have happened to the partial demolition of Toronto's Foundry Building, also subject to an MZO.

Concerned neighbours, the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, and the advocacy group Friends of Century Manor wrote to you in June demanding the protection, preservation, restoration and adaptive-reuse of Century Manor. At my Save Century Manor community town hall, residents worried that the MZO, which was imposed without warning, would leave them locked out of a development planning process that will permanently re-shape their neighbourhood.

The City of Hamilton voted unanimously, calling on you as Minister to revoke your MZO and reinstate local planning and site plan control. Across Ontario, residents and local Councils have repeatedly been rejecting your unprecedented use of MZOs to destroy both natural and architectural heritage sites. TorStar and National Observer investigations have repeatedly found this government's use of MZOs was to the benefit of PC party donors. I have raised these concerns directly in Ontario's Legislature and with MPP Donna Skelly. Now I am again calling on you to ensure that Hamiltonians be listened to by your government and that our local decisions be respected by revoking this MZO.

Sincerely,

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