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Dear Mr. Malandrucolo:

Thank you for writing and providing your suggestions regarding the changes made to the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) as part of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022. Our government remains committed to ensuring that heritage properties important to communities across Ontario are protected and conserved for generations to come, while also supporting Ontario's future growth and our government's efforts to build 1.5 million homes.

On June 5, 2024, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario passed Bill 200, the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024. The Act includes amendments to the OHA that impact non-designated ('listed') properties included on municipal registers, including extending the timeframe for municipalities to review legacy listed properties to January 1, 2027. The amendments came into force on June 6, 2024, when Bill 200 received Royal Assent.

The amendments are the result of ongoing discussions and feedback received from municipalities, community organizations and the public. These amendments will alleviate administrative pressures while still meeting the intent of the original amendments to the OHA and its regulations, aimed at increasing housing supply and supporting the growth of our province.

The ministry will continue to work closely with municipalities and communities to monitor the implementation of these changes and to advance our shared conservation goals.

Once again, thank you for writing. I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Ford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Ford" clearly distinguishable.

Hon. Michael D. Ford  
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism