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Member of Parliament
Toronto Centre

Dear Minister Steve Clark

I am writing to you today, on behalf of the residents of Toronto Centre as their Member of Parliament and a member of the Standing Committee on Heritage. It has come to my attention that your government intends to demolish the historic Toronto Foundry buildings in Corktown, a Toronto Heritage site.

Despite the protests of local community leaders, city officials, and members of the community, you've decided to go ahead with this planned demolition without community involvement. Our community is advocating for transparency.

This site is a Toronto Heritage Site, and therefore decisions made on behalf of this site should include the members of the community you represent. As you know, by using the Minister's Zoning Order(MZO) it removes important inclusive steps, and leaves community members unaware of significant changes in their neighbourhoods. If your intention was to construct affordable housing and community spaces, then a traditional consulting process involving local stakeholders to ensure the communities needs are met is imperative.

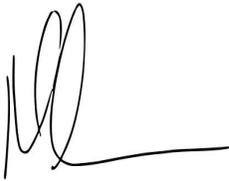
This community wishes to see the site's complex heritage preserved as it is an important part of Canada's industrial heritage. Therefore we wish to see Ontario consult community members on the redevelopment process to ensure needs such as affordable housing, community spaces and preservation of the Foundry Complex for future generations are met.

There are many examples throughout Toronto of what an inclusive planning process can become. Spaces such as The Distillery District that have become a centre of culture and community, while preserving the sites historic nature.

I join the community in calling for the province to put an immediate halt to the planned demolitions, and to undergo an inclusive and comprehensive process to redevelop the Toronto Foundry Heritage buildings while maintaining its important cultural heritage.

Sincerely,

Marci Ien

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' and 'I' followed by a horizontal line.

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