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Subject: Objection to Heritage Designation of 7880/7887 HWY 7 East

Dear Kimberley Kitteringham,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed heritage designation of the house located at 7887/7880 Hwy 7 East. While I appreciate the historical significance of heritage homes and the need for preservation, I believe that designating this house as a heritage property would impose unnecessary restrictions on property rights and hinder the owners ability to make necessary modifications.

Firstly, I would like to highlight that this house does not possess any unique architectural or historical features that warrant heritage designation. It is a modest family home that has undergone several renovations over the years. The proposed designation fails to consider the changes made to the property, which have significantly altered its original appearance and character.

Moreover, designating my house as a heritage property would limit the owners freedom to modify or expand it according to their family's evolving needs. As a homeowner, they should have the right to make reasonable alterations to their property without seeking approval from external authorities. The proposed designation would subject them to unnecessary bureaucratic processes and delays, making it burdensome to maintain and improve the home.

Additionally, I am concerned about the potential impact of heritage designation on property values. While heritage properties may hold sentimental value for some, they often come with higher maintenance costs and restrictions that deter potential buyers. By designating my house as a heritage property, its marketability and resale value could be negatively affected, causing financial hardship for the family.

I understand the importance of preserving our cultural heritage, and I fully support efforts to protect historically significant properties.

However, I believe that heritage designation should be reserved for properties of exceptional architectural or historical value. Applying the same designation to every house within a certain age range fails to recognize the unique characteristics and contributions of each property.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that you reconsider the proposed heritage designation of this house. I believe that such a designation would impose unnecessary restrictions on property rights, hinder the home owners ability to make necessary modifications, and potentially devalue the property. I kindly ask

that you take my objections into account and provide me with an opportunity to present my case in person.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Yours sincerely,

John Kasias