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To John O'Reilly, City of Burlington Councilors, and City Clerk

I am writing this letter to lodge a notice of objection to the City of Burlington Heritage Department regarding the proposed heritage designation of my property located at 488 Locust Street in Burlington.

I strongly object to the proposed heritage designation of my property because it will severely limit my property rights and hinder my ability to make any changes, modifications or demolition to my property in the future. Furthermore, the proposed heritage designation will also negatively impact the market value of my property and cause me financial hardship. I wanted to have quite and comfortable life in my old age now I have to struggle for financial survival, all because I trusted the City of Burlington in their email to me that this property is not a heritage before buying the property.

I understand the importance of preserving our cultural heritage and historic buildings, but I believe that the proposed designation of my property is unjustified due the expert finding provided by the Archaeological Research Associates that the house is not the strongest example of Gothic Revival architectural style. My property does not have any unique historical or architectural significance that would warrant such a designation.

Therefore, I request that the City of Burlington Heritage Department withdraw the proposed heritage designation of my property. I also request a fair and impartial hearing to discuss this matter further and to provide evidence to support my objections.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Sobhi
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