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Hello Clerk Edwards,

I would appreciate it if you could forward my statement below to the City Council. Thank you!

Nathan

Dear City Council Member,

I write to ask you to support a historic preservation ordinance for Terre Haute. I am 20 years old and have grown up in this city. The number of buildings I've seen come down in my lifetime alone has pained me greatly. I know we can do better.

I've had the pleasure of knowing many people in town who care and engage in preservation without the guiding hand of municipal oversight. But we know that there are powerful interests who don't share this sentiment. It's why we have a vacant parking lot where the Chanticleer building used to be - a pointless waste of taxable commercial and office space. It's why there are threats to the Terre Haute Trust Building at 7th and Wabash, a landmark that any other city would adaptively reuse.

I have been to several communities around the state who have already passed similar measures. Terre Haute needs this ordinance to ensure that our greatest historical landmarks remain assets for generations of Hauteans to come. Please, leave a legacy of preservation.

Thank you,

Nathan Hawkins