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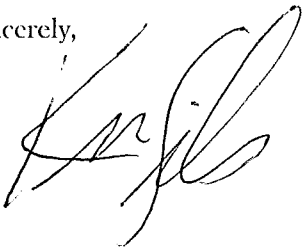
Mayor Bratina and Council of the Whole
c/o Office of the City Clerk
71 Main St. W., 1st Floor
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Elected Representatives of the City of Hamilton:

A petition has been delivered which instructs you to make representation in Hamilton more equitable. I implore you to commit to a process whereby democratic balance can be restored. This does not mean that equal representation is my desired outcome. The outcome that I wish to see is the establishment of a process for regular updates to the ward boundaries. This process should be free from political interference so that progress does not pit one councilor against another, or one ward against another. A well-defined metric for adequate and efficient representation should be crafted which ensures that representation meets the laudable goal of city building. The community should be involved in defining both what is meant by fair representation, and the process for achieving fair representation.

Given the empirical evidence supporting the fact that the current system does not provide fair representation, city council must immediately work toward addressing the disparity. Don't believe for a minute that the residents you represent cannot understand the difficulties involved. Hamilton is full of people of great character who understand both what is fair, and what is important. What we need are representatives who are willing to acknowledge that progress means change.

Sincerely,



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