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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: TRAFFIC STUDY – WEST MOUNTAIN

It has come to our attention that there will be a proposal that will be brought before Council proposing a traffic study be done of several West Mountain roads and accesses. Specifically, we understand that this includes investigating the feasibility of making the West 5 or Queen Street one way during rush hour or closing one of them altogether. An excerpt of the motion to be brought to city council as it relates to the West 5th access includes the following: "That staff be directed to provide recommendations in that report to address the increased traffic loads, including a feasibility study on reverse lane control with 2 lanes down-bound in the morning rush hour and 2 lanes up-bound in the evening rush hour on both the Queen Street Hill and West 5th and/or shutting one or both accesses down."

We are writing to confirm whether or not is correct and what the impetus is for this investigation. We would hope that any studies that take place will require the direct input from St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton and we would like to know what the process will be to gain this input. These main access roads provide direct vehicular flow to our emergency department, provide access for emergency first responders including fire, EMS and Hamilton Police Services as well as patient, and blood product transfer between our facilities which are required within specific timeframes.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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