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Dear Members of the City Council of Hamilton,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this discussion.

My wife, Sheelah, and I have been residents of Hamilton since 1981. We are writing to indicate our strong support for the proposal before the City for a Protocol for Gender Identity and Gender Expression; Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Persons

As members of The First Unitarian Church of Hamilton, we respect the dignity and unique identity of each person and we value inclusivity and non-discrimination.

We support the implementation of a protocol which respects all persons and ensures that all people can be themselves with safety, privacy and dignity regardless of their gender identity or gender expression.

We believe that this important step towards a more inclusive community will be well worth any financial implications.

Sincerely yours,

Martin Dooley

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