Hamilton City Council 71 Main Street West Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

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Hamilton City Council,

I would like to express my unequivocal support for the City of Hamilton's Protocol for Gender Identity and Gender Expression; Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Persons. As a queer person in the city, I know how challenging it can be to access safe and affirming services; I also know this is even more challenging for transgender and gender non-conforming people. As stated in the Protocol, transgender and gender non-conforming people are among the most vulnerable in our communities, it is therefore vital that we take action to support and protect the rights of these members of our community. This is a matter of human rights, failure to ratify this Protocol would mean a failure to protect human rights in the City of Hamilton. I do hope the city moves forward with the Protocol, making Hamilton a safer community for all.

Sincerely,

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