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Dear City Council

The Macdonald Cartier Club is very concerned regarding the current process surrounding the LRT, and the blatant disregard of Hamilton City Council to represent the vast majority of taxpayers in Hamilton who stand against the LRT. It is disappointing to see local politicians who have served so long that they no longer feel they are accountable to the will of the people who elected them but by virtue of the groupthink that happens at City Hall operate as an unaccountable Elite on issues like LRT.

It is interesting to see many organizations like Mohawk College, Hamilton Health Sciences, and McMaster University support the LRT when they themselves pay no property taxes and members of their Executive Elite don't live in Hamilton and pay Hamilton property taxes. These organizations are subsidized by residents in Hamilton through the extremely high property taxes residents in Hamilton pay to offset these organizations' free ride. These organizations' support LRT because they know runaway property taxes will not affect them.

We would encourage council to be mindful of those who elected you because in 2018 these same people can defeat you.

LRT will be a local focal point in the next provincial and municipal elections, local politicians should view it as a referendum on their leadership or as is currently the case, the lack of leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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