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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor of Hamilton
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

RAYMOND M. POCINO

Re: Hamilton's LRT

JOSEPH S. MANCINELLI

ROCCO DAVIS
Special Assistant to the
General President

I write with increasing trepidation regarding the state of the proposed LRT in our City. On behalf of LiUNA's 4,500 members and their families, in the Greater Hamilton Area, let me first and foremost reaffirm to City Council LiUNA's strong and unequivocal support for the LRT line. Proceeding with the LRT is the right thing to do!

VINCENT R. MASINO

DENNIS L. MARTIRE

LiUNA's sentiments have not changed. The Wynne Government made a strong and positive decision in choosing to fund the LRT line and the LRT's construction will positively change the profile, not only of the lower city but of the Greater Hamilton area.

ROBERT E. RICHARDSON

RALPH E. COLE

Fact: Hamilton is the 9th largest metropolitan area in Canada.

JOHN F. PENN

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Fact: the only metropolitan areas larger than Hamilton that do not have an LRT system in place or proposed are Montreal, Quebec City and Winnipeg.

SERGIO RASCON

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Fact: the \$1 Billion the Wynne Government has earmarked for Hamilton will be lost if the LRT is not constructed.

SAMUEL STATEN, JR.

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Fear should never preclude us from moving forward. In recent years had LiUNA opted to take the easy road, there would not have been a Liuna Station or a restored Lister Block, and there would be no potential of a King-King William initiative at the old Kresge's location.

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While it would be simple for council to take the easy road and say 'no'; the easy road is not necessarily the best route to success. Therefore we urge council to make the bold decisions, take the necessary chances and move forward with this once in a lifetime opportunity.

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Feel the Power

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Projects such as this may come at a higher cost and with greater risks; however they are initiatives that prove fruitful for decades, which moving forward serve as building blocks for even larger endeavours.

Hamilton has made positive strides in recent years. We have slowly eroded the negative community profile that we have had for decades and we have successfully rebranded ourselves from our Steel City days, repositioning ourselves in key sectors including health care. Additionally we have witnessed a renaissance in our downtown core that we have not enjoyed for the last 35 years. All of this is now in jeopardy should Council lack the courage and fortitude to forge ahead with the LRT, being led instead by fear and narrow vision.

I applaud the opinion of Councillor Sam Merulla, who has chosen to take an open-minded and forward thinking position viewing the LRT not merely as a transit initiative, but rather as an infrastructure initiative. Council must all adopt the same method of reasoning in reaching decisions. If we let fear and short-sightedness weigh us down we have failed our great citizens and ourselves.

The province showed tremendous faith in our city by granting us the \$1 Billion to develop this initiative. They put the needs of Hamiltonians ahead of many other communities that could have benefitted from these funds. Closing the door to the LRT now would be unfair to the future growth of our city and the livelihood of its citizens. Together many successes have been realized including the long overdue Red Hill Creek Expressway; a stronger, more productive city after amalgamation; and a renewed downtown core with the redevelopment of the Lister Block and other projects. As well there will continue to be future development in the core, the waterfront lands, and in all quadrants of Greater Hamilton.

I ask that Council unite and embrace this development opportunity once and for all. Let's move forward together!

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Mancinelli', written in a cursive style.

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