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To: Collins, Chad
Cc: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: YesLRT

Dear Mr Collins,

I am writing to you as a resident (and homeowner) of your ward and a faculty member of Mohawk College.

I do not have a landline, as with most of the younger generation, and could not take part in that LRT telephone survey. I think the survey is an unfair representation of the city at large as a large number of individuals aged 18-34 do not have a landline. I wanted to be sure that my voice was heard.

I believe that we can transform the future of the city in a positive direction and the best way to do that is with accessible transit in the form of LRT. Council has already voted 52 times since 2008 in support of LRT and I am concerned that this step forward for Hamilton is in jeopardy. I have lived here my entire life and am embarrassed that our city might be throwing away this funding and opportunity. You are aware of our aging infrastructure, and although the purpose of investing in LRT is not to replace this infrastructure, it would be foolish to pretend that it won't have a very important benefit for our city. Otherwise, my hard earned tax dollars, as well as the rest of the residents in this city, are going to have to pay for these improvements/replacements in the very near future.

I am disappointed in your stance towards LRT and I know that my email will not change your opinion – but I hope that you will be open minded and consider how future generations could benefit from moving forward with LRT. You have a duty to listen to all of your constituents regardless of your views, and I hope that more of my fellow Ward 5 residents will contact you in support of LRT.

Please do not deny the benefits. We have reliable, data-driven analysis that quantifies exactly why LRT will be beneficial for Hamilton in terms of transit, jobs, development and infrastructure improvement. Please do not only consider that this will be a 'transit failure' and consider all voices on this topic.

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