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Ancaster, Ontario, 

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Mayor and City Council
C/O Hamilton City Clerk
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger and City Council Members,

I thank Councillor Brad Clark for reaching out to me on February 11, 2019 regarding this matter. I understand the next city council meeting is on February 13, 2019 at 5 pm and I am hoping Councillor Clark can bring this letter to your attention at that meeting. I am writing this letter to express my concerns regarding the recent release of information regarding the state of friction of the Red Hill Valley Parkway that was described in a report that was completed in 2013 by Tradewind Scientific.

I am one of the families affected by the Parkway in that I lost my daughter, Olivia Smosarski, in a crossover accident on May 5, 2015. This accident has been well described by the media over the past years and I have always felt perplexed by the cause of it. To this day my family does not have any answers on why the car my daughter was a passenger in lost control that night. The Hamilton Police accident reconstruction team stated the car Olivia was in skidded across the Parkway as if “on ice”. My family has always felt that there was something inherently wrong with the surface of the Parkway. This has been echoed by numerous families over the years initiated by reports of numerous accidents on the Parkway.

I am sure you can imagine my surprise and anger to hear that there was information pertaining to the surface of the Parkway 18 months before the passing of my daughter. I do not understand why this report was not brought to the knowledge of the public and yourselves for so many years. It is extremely disconcerting and shakes the foundation of belief and trust in our municipal government. Perhaps if this information was released something could have been done to decrease the number of tragedies that have occurred on the Parkway including the loss of my daughter.

As such I am advocating for a judicial review of the process that led to the delay in the release of the Tradewind Scientific report. I am sure I am supported by many in that I have lost faith in our municipal government. The public deserves to have answers. The answers need to be delivered by an arms length process that has the power to affect

change and to restore trust and faith in our municipal government. For that reason I am asking for a judicial review of the process that led to the delay in the release of the Tradewind Scientific report.

Sincerely,

David Smosarski