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Subject: Correspondence re LRT cancellation

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Subject: We're Staying

Dear Metrolinx c/o Hamilton City Hall,

My wife and I live at 621 King Street West here in Hamilton at Dundurn and King. We have lived here for over ten years. For the last three years we have lived under the assumption that there would be affordable housing for us when we wanted to move from this place since it was bought by Metrolinx and managed by DMS. We have had to carry on with our lives under threat of having to move for years, and we are sick of it.

We are declared homeless. We still pay rent. To their credit, DMS have been terrific property managers (much better than our previous landlord by a long shot). However, the efforts from Metrolinx/City Hall have been appallingly lacklustre, and seemed to carry the single message: you're on your own. Kijiji listings, housing lists for affordable housing for which the wait time is nearly a decade, housing lists for most places that are infested with bedbugs, cockroaches, or simply in the most rundown parts of the city. Where is the six million dollars promised for affordable housing? Why was it not built or even considered as homes were bought out, people told to go elsewhere, and meanwhile the city allows large-scale condo projects to be built? Where the hell is your sense of obligation???

I am submitting to all of you right now that the properties that Metrolinx bought with taxpayer money be retained by the city under the management of DMS, and that we continue to pay our rent under the auspices that we are NOT going to be demolished to make way for a wrongheaded transportation project or a condo! We have been good tenants! We pay our rent on time, we take care of the property (now we'll have to do more since your stupid project has made businesses move away and trash has been left behind!) and we give a damn about what happens to people in this neighbourhood, which is more than I can say for the likes of you.

We also want the possibility of people renting the other units in the neighbourhood under the same rents that existed before so that we can be a community again, and not just the poor kid begging for scraps at Toronto's table. We are Hamilton. We are this city, and we want answers. Whatever is decided by the province in February, I can tell you this: we are not moving from this house without a fight.

Good day!

Peter Ivey,

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621 King Street West.