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My name is Katy Bennett and I'm writing in regards to the meeting taking place to discuss the mandatory wearing of masks in public places in Hamilton.

I am greatly concerned that this is even being discussed as an option given all the latest information from the CDC and WHO. The original concerns and data found on the virus are no longer concerns and the latest information on these organizations websites clearly states that.

To take away someone's freedom to choose, especially if they are healthy and carry no symptoms is deeply alarming and concerning to me. This evening I was reflecting on Canada's national anthem... 'the True North strong and free... keep our land glorious and free'. Passing a motion such as this one that is being tabled is sadly in opposition to all this country stands for.

It's unfortunate that we live in a world where we have the liberty and freedom to choose ones gender/orientation but we don't seem to have the same liberties and freedoms with respect to covering or not covering our faces. It's truly fascinating and alarming to me that this is even being discussed and I would please ask that you give Hamiltonians their freedom and choice to make informed decisions for themselves and their families and not make the wearing of masks mandatory.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Many thanks,  
Katy Bennett