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Dear Mr. Farr,

My name is Kevin Kim, and I'm a resident of Hamilton. I've been in this city for 8 years and have lived in our ward for 7 of those years. As a registered nurse and as a future physician-scientist, I am asking you for the following:

1. The City not dismantle homeless encampments
2. The City provide interim and permanent housing for encampment residents with necessary supports
3. The City prioritize individuals experiencing homelessness for urgent housing placement
4. The City engage encampment residents in assessing their needs prior to dismantling
5. The City remove barriers in shelters and hotels in order to accommodate the individual needs of encampment residents
6. The City allow for sanctioned encampment sites and/or designate specific parks/public lands where individuals are allowed to set up tents/temporary structures
7. The City allow for a streamlined, low-barrier, accessible process of issuing permits allowing for tents and temporary structures

The pandemic is not over. These individuals are the population most in need of your help and I am asking you today to be their advocate.

Thank you,
Kevin Kim