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Dear John-Paul and the Clerk of the City of Hamilton's Council:

I write, as a resident in your ward, Ward 8, in regards to a report on the website of the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, available at <https://hamiltonjustice.ca/en/2020/07/29/homeless-encampments-urgent-call-to-action/>, about the proposed dismantling of encampments by staff from the City of Hamilton beginning on Friday, July 31st.

I am absolutely opposed to the dismantling of these encampments as this will lead toward further disruption of lives that are already deeply disrupted by being the first casualties of capitalism. The City has made no moves, despite my private and public appeals, to expropriate any hotels or available condominiums for public housing for the poor, safely and appropriately staffed in the midst of a pandemic. I would demand that you as my ward councillor vehemently oppose the dismantling of any encampments until all available hotels and condominiums are expropriated immediately in behalf of the poor for public housing. A city, any society, will be judged on how it treats those most in need and it remains a truism that from those who have the ability much must be taken for those whose basic needs are not yet being met.

I look forward to your actions in these regards, actions in support of humane living.

Kindly,

Joshua Weresch