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**Re: Frankel, Kirkendall Neighbourhood
Criminal Activity**

I am a property owner in the City of Hamilton at 68 Homewood Avenue in the Queen/Aberdeen area. I felt it necessary to send this letter given that there have been numerous break-ins into our homes and vehicles repeatedly over the past few years and particularly this year. I myself have had my vehicle vandalized and personal contents stolen on numerous occasions and particularly 3 times in the past year and the last occasion recently with damage to the vehicle estimated at approximately \$12,000.00. Needless to say, not only has this resulted in a great deal of expense on our part but as well we have suffered from a terrible invasion of privacy which appears to continue without repercussion.

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Notwithstanding that these matters have been reported, I am yet to observe police monitoring our neighbourhood and particularly our street. While I do have camera security, it does not appear that cruisers have been monitoring our area whatsoever.

This year our carriage house was broken into and it was necessary to make a home insurance claim given the value of the contents stolen. Since then one of our motor vehicles was terribly vandalized as previously mentioned and I was not able to claim the contents stolen given that it would dramatically affect my home insurance premiums. Not long ago my vehicle was inadvertently left unlocked and that evening merchandise was again stolen from the vehicle. It is quite apparent that these individuals are combing our street on a regular and probably daily basis checking door handles and riffling vehicles and stealing personal contents. This needs to stop and it certainly should start with increased police surveillance in the area as an obvious deterrent to these criminals.

We probably pay the highest property taxes in the city and certainly don't appear to be getting anything for it! I speak for numerous property owners in the area who have also been victimized repeatedly without any satisfactory recourse. The problem has been getting dramatically worse and one would hope that the city would address this issue.

I am prompted to consider leaving my cars unlocked in order to at least avoid damage to the vehicles moving forward! Should it need to come to that?

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard and will monitor this situation in hopes that appropriate measures will be taken.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Frankel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

STEPHAN M. FRANKEL
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