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**Subject:** Face Mask/Covering Exemption - Please Address

Good Evening,

I would really appreciate if this was discussed in council and addressed Immediately for those individuals who **can not** wear a Face Covering of any kind due to a Medical Condition or Disability.

It was brought to my attention that as of December 1st 2020, Fortino's along with many other Businesses are and have been implementing policies which will prohibit entry to those individuals who ***can not*** wear a Face Covering or a Face Shield. Due to my medical conditions both physiological and visual impairment I am unable to abide and therefore my entry to these establishments will be restricted. This is unfortunate as this goes against basic Human Rights Codes and this is clearly Discrimination.

Under the City of Hamilton By Law, the bylaw states that there are exemptions to Mandatory Masking and Face Coverings. In addition, on the City of Hamilton Website it is stated:

**"It's vital that no member of the public be denied entry or stigmatized if they are unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a listed exemption, we ask for patience and kindness as everyone adjusts and navigates through these uncertain times."**

My question to Hamilton City Council is this, why are businesses being allowed to impose these "No Mask, No Entry" type policies. What is the justification of allowing this type of Discrimination to occur in our Community and what is going to be done to fix and correct this?

I would really appreciate an immediate response.

Thank you,

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