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To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>

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Mr. Eisenberger

I am writing this email today to express my frustration and disbelief in the new Automated Speed Enforcement System that you have implemented in our city.

First and foremost, I do not like or agree with this new system. This is causing drivers to continuously look down at their speedometer and taking their eyes off the road to ensure they are not going over the limit. What are you going to do, when an accident occurs because of this?

I received a ticket in the mail yesterday showing that I was clocked at 61 kms per hour in a 50 kms per hour zone. To say that I am shocked that this is a huge deal when I have been driving and see people going 100 kms per hour in a 60 kms zone but are fine.

To begin with, on that particular day, I worked late at an elementary school because we were contacted at 3:30pm by the Public Health Department to tell us that we had 4 classrooms and 17 staff members that needed to be shut down and isolated due to positive COVID cases at our school. This was a very lengthy, frustrating and exhausting day for me personally (working 9 hours with no breaks or lunch). I just wanted to go home as every day is a fearful day for me with a son at home with a compromised immune system.

To add to my frustration is the fact that I am charged \$20 for a surcharge and cost. For what?

Than to add fuel to the fire, I go to the website to pay the ticket (as per the notice) and it's not an option to pay this ticket through the site. Why than do you have this option indicated on the notice if it isn't available? So now I have to pay an additional cost of an envelope and stamp.

I believe that our taxpayers' money would be better used to address violence, robberies, distracted drivers, instead of someone who went over the speed limit slightly.

I would love to see some kind of compassion in these troubling times and the fact that I work in an environment every day that has higher risks of contracting a deadly disease and do not need additional stress in my life for something like this.

Nancy