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Subject: Boundary Expansion

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"Dear Councillors and Mayor.

I am a resident of Ward 2 and I am writing to express my support for the Urban Boundary Expansion for Hamilton. The Whitebelt farmlands surrounding Hamilton have always been pegged as primary growth driver for conformity to the Growth Plans. Additionally I do support intensification within the existing urban boundary except:

-I live in a house, therefore I really shouldn't be telling everyone else they should live in apartments.

-We've known since at least 2010 that the "population growth in the City of Hamilton is forecast to occur mainly in suburban areas which traditionally have had lower density and limited mixed development patterns, such as Flamborough, Stoney Creek, and Glanbrook, and to a lesser extent, Ancaster and Dundas"

-According to the Planning General Manager in 2015, the transit oriented corridor is only expected to grow by 5000 units, a far cry from the required population of 820,000 people by 2051.

-I find it perplexing that the same people pushing climate emergency are the same people who would gladly spend all the fossil fuels to make better lives for themselves.

-Building more apartments is not the solution to the affordable housing issue. More housing stock will yield better results in the long run.

Thank you Councillor Farr. Everything is an election issue for everyone.

Sincerely, Gabriel Nicholson_____