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Sent: March 26, 2021 11:02 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Freeze Hamilton's urban boundary

Dear Hamilton City Council,

I am writing today to ask you to freeze Hamilton's urban boundary, joining my voice to many in the city who support intensification rather than sprawl, including Environment Hamilton.

As someone who works with refugee claimants to find long-term housing, I know how urgent the need for affordable housing is in this city. But I don't believe that an ever-growing city boundary is the answer. Rather, I believe that intensification within the existing boundaries through more permissive bylaws for laneway housing, incentives for secondary rental suites within existing homes, and better enforcement of rental bylaws to prevent renovations are the answer.

In a time of climate crisis, which City Council has acknowledged, sprawl will not help us to reduce emissions.

Thank you for your time,

Danielle Steenwyk-Rowaan

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