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To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Written delegation for March 29th GIC GRIDS2 discussion

Dear Hamilton Mayor and Councillors

I am a proud resident of Dundas, wife, mother of 2 children, and a physiotherapist in cardiology, CCU and vascular surgery at the Hamilton General hospital. I love Dundas/Hamilton because of the unique mix of urban core with its cultural opportunities and surrounding green spaces, and agricultural land. I love the spectrum of opportunities from hands on industrial careers in the trades, commerce, and steel producing to the intellectual community of health care and university and the wealth of entrepreneurial energy and innovation across this entire spectrum. It is truly a unique and wonderful place to live.

For these and many other reasons, I urge you to FREEZE the urban boundaries as this decision will THREATEN our ability to maintain our current level of autonomy and PREVENT us from developing the sustainable community that we need to be.

Expanding the urban boundaries for more sprawl will a) remove the precious farmland that we need to develop our own sustainable food security b) will contribute to the environmental degradation and the climate emergency which threatens our very survival c) will further threaten the diversity of the delicate ecosystem of plants and animals that were here long before we were and still support and enrich our own existence d) make the desperately needed affordable housing an impossibility and will create an environment where our own children will not be able to live where they grew up because of astronomical taxes and housing prices e) will cause the crumbling inner city to continue to decay rather than receive the investment it needs to recover and develop. The aging infrastructure of the entire city needs to be addressed rather than spending our tax dollars on sprawl that will only deplete our health, our environment and the incredible potential of this community.

To make this decision during a pandemic without proper in-person consultation is unfair to the citizens of this community and the future generations that this decision will affect. Please DELAY this decision until it is possible for proper public consultation to occur. I urge you to STOP and LISTEN to the voices of your community!! Delay the decision and freeze the boundaries!!

Sincerely

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