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Subject: Economic Development Project

To members of Hamilton City Council,

I am writing to you as a resident and taxpayer in the City of Hamilton. I have been following the prospects for LRT and reading about what it could mean for our city. Based on my research, I believe this project will generate economic uplift at a time when such uplift is urgently needed. In the short term, the uplift will centre on construction and related employment, including through a "social procurement" process that creates employment for marginalized populations. In the longer term, LRT will have more far-reaching ramifications. It will generate investment along the route, provide opportunities for infill housing (including affordable housing), increase property tax revenues, and allow for redeployment or retirement of HSR buses from B-line routes. In addition, and importantly, the construction process will include replacement of aging infrastructure, so that these costs will be covered by federal and provincial funding rather than municipal dollars.

Please consider these arguments and accept the \$3.4 Billion being offered to Hamilton in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Sincerely,

Sarah Wayland