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Good Morning Mayor Eisenberger and Councillors

I want to give you a visual of the reason that I think a vacant property tax is needed. 

The property in this photo has been like this for at least 10 years, likely 14 years or more. Years ago, I went to City Hall to find out who owns it, and was shocked to learn that it was registered to a Hamilton household. I have no idea if ownership has changed, but I doubt it.

It is a breeding ground for vermin and other unwanted pests. It is also common to see garbage strewn on the property. If I owned a house nearby, why would I want to look after my property when I have an ugly (even possibly dangerous) filthy uncared for property next door.

Ask yourself why a property owner would retain property like this?

Why would the City of Hamilton want to continue to allow this to occur here or anywhere else in the city?

I don't know when a vacant property tax is coming to your attention; but please, please take this into consideration when reviewing a policy. I know that this is not an isolated incident that you would not like to have in your neighbourhood.

Bob Berberick

(Sometimes the boss)

