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Subject: End Encampment Evictions

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Hi,

My name is Olivia Watkin-McClurg and I am a resident of Hamilton currently living in Ward 1. I am disgusted by the cruelty that this city is showing to my homeless neighbours. Nobody wants to be homeless, and the housing crisis in Hamilton is due partially to policy choices made by the same municipal government constantly destroying the belongings and communities of the unhoused. If this city's representatives feel uncomfortable seeing the results of their own policy choices, then perhaps they should change these policies rather than trying to make the people they have failed disappear. Beyond the cruelty of the approach being taken, it is the logic of a small child to think that homeless people stop existing when you cannot see them. Fix the housing crisis, and until that has happened, leave unhoused people alone.

Olivia