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**Subject:** Absentee Landlord Student Rentals in Neighbourhoods

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Dear Hamilton Council,

Please include this correspondence for the Planning Committee Agenda for Item 10.2 "License Rental Housing (PED21097/LS21022) (Wards 1 8, and parts of Ward 14)" for August 10th:

The issue of Absentee-Landlord Student Rentals is of extremely serious concern to me and my family who live behind Mohawk College in the Buchanan Park neighbourhood in Ward 8. We have lived here for 22 years now, and are still waiting for these run-down and overcrowded student house hazards to be regulated! With all the families with young children living here due to the close proximity of the elementary school, you'd think that this would be in place already. Families with children deserve more consideration to keep their children safe.

As a university student who has rented before, I know about the types of hazards that can be present in student housing. These houses need to be regulated to keep both the students safe as well as the surrounding community.

Sincerely and with great urgency,  
Brian Folkes