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To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Save our Farmland

Clerk City Clerk,

Hello,

I have been a resident of Hamilton for nearly a decade now. I've watched it grow and evolve just as the city has been so hospitable to me and allowed for my own personal growth. The City of Hamilton has been a place to call home and I appreciate everything it has offered me. My stance on the issue of expanding the urban boundary is quite simple: don't!

Food scarcity is already becoming a major concern around the planet as a result of climate change and gross mismanagement of resources, often in the pursuit of easy profits. I can fathom that the logic behind expanding the boundary to allow development in the farmlands is a result of simplicity and cost. Consider however, that your residents will no longer be able to afford local produce, meats, cheeses, and all manner of food that we currently have an abundance of. Consider that we would see a population increase akin to towns like Brampton or Mississauga where residents are forced to drive vehicles to get across a sprawling suburban landscape, reducing communities and increasing pollution.

Consider that we already have hundreds of areas within the urban city limits which are festering, rotting away, and begging to be revitalized and developed into modern accommodations. If there is a higher cost involved in demolishing these sites and repurposing them I am confident it would pale in comparison to the costs of losing our farmland and burdening our city with needless suburbia.

We already have the Mountain suburbs and they are, frankly, a hellscape of lost dreams and sterile strip malls. Hamilton's population is skyrocketing as residents defect from Toronto and seek the more down-to-earth lifestyle we enjoy here. Give us the City we want, a thriving, tightly knit urban community. Give us a beautiful, modern downtown that can boast of it's environmentalism, of it's forward thinking and tasteful reuse of our discarded parking lots and abandoned buildings.

You have the power to make the future of Hamilton bright and progressive. Don't screw it up.

With respects,

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