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**Subject:** Victimized to Petition

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Hello Everyone,

My name is Michael Piersanti, I live in Waterdown with my wife and two young daughters.

There was a Facebook ad that really caught my eye a couple weeks ago. The ad read "Young Families are being priced out of Hamilton". I remember thinking to myself how they took the words right out of my mouth.

Shortly after, I came across another, and then another. Finally, I acted on this ad and signed a petition which stated there was not enough affordable housing in the city. Which is very true.

Unfortunately the petition was not all that it seemed. I wasn't given any information about boundaries changing and the complications that it would hold for the rest of the city.

I am writing you this evening to express my concerns of being removed from that petition. I do not stand for extending the boundaries.

As it is, we are losing farms in Waterdown and Ancaster rapidly. It's a shame that no one is standing up for this very rare and valuable farming land.

I remember meeting Judy Partridge at the Rib Fest last year and thought to myself, if we could all fight for the citizens like Judy does, we might be OK. We might actually make this city something special again.

We cannot be bullied into giving in to these large developers. This is not affordable housing that they intend on building. Stacked back to back townhomes starting at \$800,00 so far out of the city that people can't afford to even get to work, let alone pay their mortgage.

As it is, I make six figures and still cannot afford to buy in a safe area of the city to raise my two daughters.

It's a very sad time for this younger generation trying to start families.

How will we ever afford to buy a home and raise our family in Hamilton if the city keeps allowing these large builders to bully us out of the city?

It is disgusting to see that these builders hired such a PR firm as they did to take advantage of vulnerable people.

I don't understand why we need to extend our boundaries when we still have lots of cleaning up to do in areas such as Kennilworth Barton. My grandfather used to tell me amazing stories of that area, now all you see is boarded up windows and empty shells.

It's a perfect area to clean up for affordable housing. Yet they feel we need to extend our boundaries to build mega homes for the wealthy.

I ask that you all hold these sneaky weasel's accountable and deny their request to extend the boundaries, which would in turn make them tens of millions of dollars each.

You want to make affordable housing, do it inside the city boundaries. There's a challenge for them. Watch the scatter when they find out they can't have sprawling estates selling for 1.4M.

Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,  
Michael Piersanti