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Gentlemen,

I'm reaching out to you today to share in the voices of this city who are crying out in opposition to our city potentially hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

A huge proportion of our citizens aren't able to receive social support, there are too many who are homeless and living below the poverty line. Our infrastructure is in great need of repair and TLC. We've been hit hard by a global pandemic and will most likely still be focusing on recovery in 2026. We also need to focus on reallocating funds from the police to groups and health services that will better keep our citizens safe from absolute power.

As a taxpayer and Hamiltonian by birth, my desire would be for future funds be put back into the city, but not through the LRT initiative. Investing in Hamiltonian's mental, physical, emotional health, funding research and innovations and bringing down housing/rental costs will all be more beneficial than paying for an 11-day event which most citizens will not attend.

I encourage you both, and our other leaders, to use wisdom and discernment with Hamilton's time and money. Please do what is best for those in the greatest need.

Thank you,

Joy Johnson