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Subject: City of Hamilton Bid for 2026 Commonwealth Games

Mr. Mayor and Members of Hamilton City Council,

I'm writing to you today to express my concerns regarding the 2026 Commonwealth Games. While I am a Hamilton Tiger-Cats Season's Ticket holder, and I consider myself to be a life-long sports fan, I cannot support Council's bid for the 2026 Games. In fact, I am using my voice to beg you to not move forward with this bid.

I was born and raised in this City and have always been proud to be a Hamiltonian. I have lived in Ward 2 for the last 15 years and watched with pride as our downtown has seen a resurgence. But with this progress has come a lot of hardship for many of our residents, especially those who would be considered most vulnerable and in need our love and support. The Commonwealth Games would take precious financial resources desperately needed to care for our community.

Recent statistics suggest that the 2026 Commonwealth Games would come with a \$1B price tag. This is unacceptable at the best of times. And in the midst of a Pandemic, we are most definitely in the worst of times. COVID-19 has left the City with a \$60M budget shortfall.

The growth in our beautiful City in recent years has led to an increased demand in all sectors, which includes a \$3.3B Infrastructure Deficit.

But most alarming and of great concern is the housing and homelessness crisis. A waitlist of 5000+ for social housing is beyond unacceptable. Those of us who have are responsible to fight and provide for those who have not.

As a lifelong resident, and someone who has voted in every single municipal, provincial and federal election, I must insist that you not proceed with a bid for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Thank you for your time.

Ms. Deann McGlinchey