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No farmland, no food. No affordable inclusive urban housing, more homeless, tent living, more drain on city resources.

We are living in a time of denying what we see and denying what we know, to our great detriment and potential extinction. We cannot continue in this reckless path of destroying the very environment that supports life as we know it.

Those few (developers, politicians) who benefit from this destruction cannot see past their own wallets it seems. "For the greater good" used to be a phrase describing the driving force in Canadian interactions. It is absent in the mindset of the developers and politicians who want to ravage productive farmland that feeds our cities. It is absent in politicians who want to increase pressure on the environment by creating more highways by paving over paradise.

When will care and protection of our Greenbelt, farmlands and for the environment become standard practice in Hamilton Ontario? When will municipal and provincial politicians embrace acting for the greater good? We don't have time to discuss. We don't have time for studies. We must protect farmland, and become climate champions. The time for action now.

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