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Subject: GRIDS/MCR May 17 public meeting

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To: The Planning Committee Hamilton.

Re: GRIDS2/MCR plan, meant for the May 17th Statutory Public Meeting.

I am writing to urge you to approve the freezing of Hamilton's urban boundary.

Over the past months, where other municipalities have caved in to provincial pressure, Hamilton (its people as well as its elected officials) has shown that it is willing to take climate change and food insecurity seriously. Change is necessary, in our habits and thinking, and Hamilton is in a position to show the way. We need to create density within existing boundaries and not over-burden taxpayers with the cost of creating new infrastructure; we need to create walkable, liveable urban environments; we need to support local agriculture. We certainly cannot afford to perpetuate practices that have contributed to climate change (suburban sprawls, dependence on cars), and which clearly provide no solution to the problems they create.

The people of Hamilton need you to keep your resolve – in fact, communities everywhere need our example. We are all counting on you.

Thank you for hearing this plea.

Jennifer Waring