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To whom it may concern:

Soccer in Ancaster is near and dear to me having been the Honorary Chair of a project that was responsible for a new 4-season international-sized domed soccer field at Redeemer College. Jim Bethune, a former president of Ancaster Soccer commented that "Our community is very passionate about soccer. This new complex will provide infrastructure desperately needed to meet the growing demand". Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson said that "Ancaster, and the growth of soccer in the area, are both growing exponentially".

I personally know the tremendous value of sport. Recreational sport leads to a lifetime of better health, self-esteem and leadership and teamwork skills. Our children and our community benefit, as our youth are the leaders of tomorrow. We have a privilege to invest in our youth.

Soccer is the largest participatory sport in Canada and is considered the fastest growing sport in the country. It is a sport with participation that doesn't require major financial outlay. All you need is a pair of cleats and the desire to have a lot of fun with your peers. It is a sport in Ontario that's exploding in popularity as seen by the 2,100 members of the Ancaster Soccer Club and the 18,000 members of the Hamilton and District Soccer Association. Because of these growing numbers soccer fields like those at Ancaster High School are needed more than ever.

I would ask the Heritage Committee, the Committee of Adjustment, the Planning Committee, the Councillors of Hamilton and the Hamilton Wentworth District school trustees to consider this land as an asset to Ancaster with heritage value. Please protect it from any future severances and the possible sale of the property. Your children will thank you.

Sincerely,

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