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**Subject:** Hamilton Bike Share 2022

Good Morning City Hall!

I am writing to you today to send my support for the Bike Share program to continue into the foreseeable future.

Our City needs to move forward with accessible modes of transportation while trying to work its way out of the declared Climate Emergency.

I believe that the bike share program is one, of many, valuable opportunities that will showcase our city as a progressive city. Here are just a few of the points I feel demonstrate why bike share in Hamilton is essential:

- Having this program means making it easier to move around to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- With this program, it adds another element to the efforts to better our city.
- Having accessible & affordable transportation options allows residents to get to work, school, appointments, run errands, enjoy social outings and more.
- Barriers to cycling in our city are effectively eliminated by a robust bike-share system.
- With the intention to expand this program could this create more jobs? I see that as an opportunity!

When I see these types of projects moving forward it gives me great hope that our city truly wants to give everyone the chance to thrive. Giving constituents the opportunity to continue with this program ticks so many boxes and I do hope that the city council will make the right decision to move forward with this program for the betterment of our entire city.

Thank you for taking a moment to read my thoughts,

Ainsley Gelder

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