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Office of the City Clerk
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Dear Office of the City Clerk,

As a Hamilton business owner and landlord, I vehemently oppose the Hamilton LRT. There are many great opportunities in our City of Hamilton that could use our tax dollars more effectively elsewhere: long-term health facilities, health care infrastructure and technology, electric or hydrogen fueled transit buses, public housing, road maintenance and sewers, and several other worthy causes. Most importantly, in the advent of autonomous electric vehicles, the LRT will be archaic before it is even finish being built. Ford, General Motors, Tesla, Volkswagen, and almost all major vehicle manufacturers, are already producing electric vehicles and are fully committed to solely producing electric vehicles by 2030 - 2035. Thus, all of the monetary funding opportunity will be squandered. Furthermore, the LRT will not connect the greater Hamilton community. Something like a direct line to the airport, or Amazon facility, or outlying communities (such as Flamborough), would have a greater affect on serving more of the community.

Hamilton City Council should be showing solidarity in the face of a behemoth like LIUNA and stand for what the people of Hamilton want, not what a "bully" proposes by circumventing the municipality's needs for their own self-gain. This is corruption and collusion at the highest level and I think most people of Hamilton would agree, admittedly or not. Also, having Luina's pension fund, managed by Fengate Asset Management, involved just exacerbates the corruption further. If the pension fund is permitted to invest as a private entity, would a fair bidding process for the project be transparent? The report from Ontario Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk regarding the Hamilton LRT building cost was very clear - Hamiltonians were mislead, the construction cost was much higher, and it is not the best transit solution. This validates that the LRT proponents cannot be trusted and have an ulterior-motive for their own personal or corporate gain.

Respectfully,

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