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Subject: Letter to Council

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Dear Hamilton Council Members,

We all have the right to clean air.

We all have the right to enjoy the open green spaces wither public or private without the smell of toxins. That's why rightly so people are not allowed to smoke in public parks and within a certain distance of public buildings.

I have also found out that Hamilton has a bylaw that allows for people to complain about the smell of barbecue or fires in back yards.

All of this has encouraged me to finally speak-up.

I am a none smoker and have been in Canada for about 25 years, before the legalization of cannabis.

In those days I would be frustrated by my neighbour who smoked in her balcony.

Nowadays I am extremely frustrated by several neighbours who are smoking Cannabis.

One of those frequently smokes it through out the day, and often has friends over also smoking it!

Thus when this occurs not only I can't sit on my front porch or back yard, but also I have to close all windows and turn air filters on!

Tell me pls, why should I suffer for someone else's substance abuse?!

Why should their legislative given right for a "high" supersede my human right for fresh clean air???

They can get high inside their own homes where hopefully I can't smell it, or they can use edibles.

You have by-laws about length of grass and raising chickens in back yards, and not one that would help breathe clean air on my family's own property??!!!

I beg of you to look into this matter and provide a satisfactory solution for our community.

Regards,
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