



May 2, 2023

**Chair and Members
General Issues Committee
City of Hamilton**

RE: Hamilton Region Decarbonization Hub Alignment to City Strategies

The Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association (HIEA) is a non-profit association representing 14 industrial and manufacturing companies in the City of Hamilton. HIEA's mandate is to improve the local environment through partnerships with government, educational institutions, individual residents, and environmental groups. We also collaborate with our stakeholders to help understand environmental issues and to develop and implement sustainable programs and policies. HIEA members believe their organizations are not only a key contributor to both Hamilton and Ontario's economy, but also an essential part of the fabric of the community.

HIEA member companies provide employment for over 7,300 direct industrial and manufacturing positions as well as an estimated 56,000 indirect jobs in Hamilton and surrounding municipalities. Since its inception in 1998, HIEA and its membership has invested over \$1.1 billion in environmental capital expenses, contributed more than \$720 million in municipal property taxes, and contributed over \$1 million in community and educational activities in Hamilton.

HIEA's members have not only embraced and adopted a circular economy but practice it every day as part of their core business. HIEA members are part of an industrial ecosystem that reuses and recycles member companies' by-products and waste, recovering value and protecting the environment. HIEA and its members are committed to fostering a strong and sustainable future for the Province of Ontario, the City of Hamilton, and all its residents.

HIEA and its members actively and financially have committed support for the Decarbonization Hub initiative. HIEA publicly supports the long-term goal of transitioning to a low carbon economy in the Hamilton Region through the transition to a economically viable and sustainable energy mix, and through the adoption of green technologies and industrial processes.

Further, HIEA is of the opinion that the establishment of the Decarbonization Hub is expected to create significant economic opportunities for the Hamilton Region, including investments in



green technology, the creation of new employment opportunities and achieving the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

In closing, HIEA and its members believe the Hamilton Decarbonization Hub initiative is a promising project that demonstrates the potential for collaborative partnerships between government, industry, and academia to drive innovation and regional economic growth while addressing the urgent challenge of climate change.

Sincerely,

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Geoffrey Knapper, General Manager
Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association