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Madam Clerk,

I am writing to voice my support of the motion calling for safety interventions and the ultimate conversion of Main Street from one-way to two-way.

As a driver, I avoid Main Street whenever possible. I invariably see drivers speeding, cutting other drivers off, and using both outside lanes (the ones closest to the sidewalk) for passing. I don't feel safe *in my car*.

As a pedestrian, I have no reason to walk Main Street. It would never occur to me to do so outside of some obligation, despite having lived in Hamilton for the past decade.

A conversion to two-way using a Complete Streets framework would make Main Street a destination. This would tie our sometimes disjointed neighbourhoods together, benefitting residents and businesses.

It doesn't matter to me if it takes longer to drive across the city, I'm already taking the long way.

Thank you,

Allison Branston (she/her)