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Hello,

This email is regarding the LRT subcommittee meeting on January 29.

I'm writing to you to voice my opinion about the new LRT which will be on my street and in my city, my commute to work. The options being proposed for the LRT's operations are not sufficient. It's clear from studies that operations and maintenance should be run by the same group, and I want the City of Hamilton to fully run both.

Having the City run operations and maintenance will benefit me as a student as well as the average Hamilton resident. A third party company whose main goal is to profit off of the LRT will not be the optimal choice for the people of Hamilton. Prioritizing profit will entail less frequent trams (to maximize the number of people in each cart) and higher fares.

Additionally, if I have any issues with the LRT or suggestions to make it better, it would be easier to communicate them to my city councilors and have them pass motions to implement them. It would be more difficult to propose changes to the company/companies in charge who only care about low costs and high profits.

With such a serious and expensive project, that is extremely beneficial to our City, we need to be making the best decisions and have the best system in place. This will ensure proper maintenance, and will sustain the LRT.

Best Regards,

Jaime Oskam