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Dear Hamilton City Councillor

Please protect Hamilton taxpayers from tax increases due to the ill-advised downloading of development costs to taxpayers.

But this is different. **We need to STOP giving industrial development (warehouses) a big discount on DCs as an incentive to build.** Here's what needs to be done:

-Hamilton taxpayers should be fully consulted before the final vote in April since any discounts on industrial DCs will be transferred to taxpayers.

-I support the proposed new DC rate of \$41.48 per square foot for all industrial development on greenfields.

-I support a further Industrial DC increase for developers who build on unserviced farmland where there is no existing infrastructure, compared to those that build on brownfields within the urban area where infrastructure already exists.

-Any developer who is successful in having their lands added to the Urban Area by forcing the expansion of Hamilton's urban boundary must pay the full costs of urbanization.

Every Councillor on the committee has expressed their strong desire to reduce the tax burden on residents during the recent budget period. This is your chance to ensure that developers, not taxpayers, pay for growth.

Hamilton can do this. YOU can do this. Please do it!

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Hamilton taxpayer