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To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing to ask you to consider eliminating the industrial DC developer discount, and increase the charge for some types of industrial development. My understanding is that taxpayers will bear the costs of urbanization for some new developments if the developers don't. Taxpayers shouldn't have to cover these costs, especially when some land in the AEGD may be precious wetland, or farmland that ideally wouldn't be shifted to other purposes. Given climate change and a potential future of food insecurity, the types of land under development should at the very least involve different charges, depending on their desirability for other purposes.

Thank you for doing your part to ensure that developers approach Hamilton with all the care and consideration it requires to remain climate-change ready for a long time. Where developers are willing to work with brownfields and other areas that aren't useful either ecologically or agriculturally, the cost could be reduced to encourage sustainable practices.

Cheers,
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