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Dear Ms Bates,

I am writing to express my viewpoint about the reduced Development Charges around on industrial lands. I feel that Hamilton taxpayers should be fully consulted before the final vote in April since any discounts on industrial DCs will be transferred to taxpayers.

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

I also 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.

In addition, 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.

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

Thank you for your support for this important matter.

Deborah Boyd

Hamilton Resident