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Wetlands need a break, not warehouses! These ugly edifices, often full of thousands of returned parcels, are part of rampant consumerism, and the giant, concretized space they require makes vulnerable wetland and farmland here a target for bloated out of province corporations who have absolutely no concern for Hamilton's future viability, only their own next quarter earnings.

Hamilton needs to look out for itself and the future of its citizens! Industrial developers who build on unserviced farmland should pay higher DCs compared to those that remediate and build on brownfields within the urban area where infrastructure already exists.

That land remediation and preservation is surely what the City's ten directives imply, not kowtowing to companies who don't care how much of another city's land they destroy for their personal short-term commercial gain.

Hamilton taxpayers have not been consulted about DCs exemptions, which will transfer significant costs from developers straight to taxpayers. Developers, not taxpayers should pay for growth. And the growth should never be at the expense of farmland, wetlands, nor woodlands. Humans and other beings on these lands need shelter, water, food, and clean air: not industrial development for another's profit at the expense of our irredeemable loss!

Through this week's decision on DCs, your committee has the chance to control unbridled destruction of our city's surrounding wetland and farmland. I urge you to use the powers you do hold to hold industrial developers in check. Hamilton's great grandchildren will need the vulnerable and irreplaceable gifts of Mother Earth that you hold in your hands much more than anyone needs the latest packages from the likes of Amazon.

Everything must be debated and decided through a climate and biodiversity lens. You committed to that when you declared a Climate Emergency: it takes courage to say No to breaks for big business, but that is precisely what your job is in this moment of precarious hope for the future!

Sincerely,

Mary Love
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