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Dear Mayor Horwath, City Clerk, and Councillors:

On May 2, please end the current discount on Development Charges that industrial developers receive for paving our wetlands and unserviced farmland. Raise the industrial development rate to \$41.48 per square foot of gross floor area, particularly to deter wetland loss around the airport. Kindly do not phase out the current discount gradually, nor exempt expansions of existing warehouses.

Hamilton already has many industrial buildings on brownfields in its North End that could be readily converted to warehouses at minimal cost.

Infrastructure already exists at these former industrial sites. Frankly, Hamilton home owners cannot tolerate yet another rise in the property tax levy or water rates to bolster the profits of private companies.

Paving wetlands exacerbates run-off, pollutes and diverts the watershed, compacts the soil to the point of sterility, and kills wildlife. We should reuse the North End, which has already been despoiled, and protect the raw land around the airport.

Thank you very much for your attention. My entire family will be following the outcome of the May 2 vote with great interest.

Sincerely,

Theresa McCuaig
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