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Dear Hamilton City Council,

My name is Francesca Morreale, and I am writing to you as a constituent of ward 2 who is concerned about the motion being put forward by Councillor Esther Pauls at the General Issues Committee on November 6th, 2024, proposing an amendment to item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-023, respecting Public Feedback and Recommendations for an Encampment Protocol and Sanctioned Sites (HSC20036(g)) (City Wide).

I live downtown, near Gore Park, and I have a lot of houseless neighbours. They deserve the same safety and respect as I do, and I don't think they should be subject to more limitations that will lead to more precarious and repeated displacement. Let people live by whatever means they can, and come to the table with real solutions that will help: Housing, well funded support services, and long term solutions. The sanctioned site is by no means adequate for all folks, in both capacity and restrictive measures. Every year you make choices which lead to more deaths in the Winter. I am tired of councillor's who don't even live downtown or interact with houseless folks on a regular basis giving the orders by which they should be further punished and made invisible for everyone else's perceived safety. Encampment bans will continue to be exclusively a means to punish and dispossess unhoused and underprivileged community members.

I'm asking you to vote against the motion proposed by Councillor Pauls on Wednesday, November 6th. Voting for this non-solution will only put our communities at greater risk for harm and cause unnecessary suffering.

Sincerely,
Francesca