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Dear City Clerk, Mayor and City Councillors,

I strongly urge you to continue moving forward with additional dwelling units within Hamilton's existing boundaries.

Urban intensification is one of the most important ways we have to mitigate the effects of climate change. By now, I'm certain that all of you are aware of the critical need to maintain the natural features of our outlying areas such as wetlands, forests and conservation areas to control the effects of extreme weather events.

Today's Hamilton Spectator outlines the concern that the Ontario Federation of Agriculture has regarding preserving prime agricultural land from increasing development of these lands. The Federation strongly supports maintaining Hamilton's urban boundary. "We've advocated for a long time that we need to continue to grow up instead of out", stated the president of the Federation.

Gentle density which includes a mix of housing in neighbourhoods within the urban boundary is one effective way to increase affordable housing in areas that are already serviced by the city. These neighbourhoods already provide so many of the determinants of healthy living.

These are difficult issues to address. The need to preserve the natural and agricultural environments as well as providing liveable neighbourhoods without increasing a tax burden caused by urban sprawl requires that you continue with establishing additional dwelling units.

Thank you,  
Margaret Tremblay, Dundas