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Hello,

I would like to add my comments regarding the 2025 Budget.

I'm a person with a disability who can't work due to severe chronic pain. I'm bed ridden most of the day.

I'm barely getting by on my disability income.

Every penny counts in my budget and it seems with recent inflation and cost of living skyrocketing recently that those pennies are no longer in my pocket.

I'm having to access a food bank quite regularly just to keep myself fed, and I'm skipping meals to save on costs just so I can keep a roof over my head.

My house is the last thing I own because I have completely depleted my savings, have sold basically all the things I could out of my home and have sold my vehicle.

It seems that Hamilton thinks that tax payers have unlimited amounts of money and the taxes keep going up and up year after year but nothing seems to improve other than pay increases for city council.

I think the same way I have had to find ways to cut costs and find efficiencies and skip necessities that the city should look inward upon itself to find a way not to increase taxes at all.

There is a lot of waste going on in the city, as there is with all levels of government and I would ask that you clean house first of this waste and mismanagement and find the savings you need to leave taxes unchanged.

I shouldn't have to sell my home and eat at a food bank because our city has become so unaffordable to live in.

In 12 years my taxes have almost doubled. That is unacceptable.

Please think about residents like me before you tax us into poverty.

Thank you,

Steven Cedrone