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Good Afternoon,

My name is Adam McCron and I have been a citizen of Hamilton for the past 12 years.

I understand that taxes need to increase to further enhance the services we receive, however, the constant hikes year after year have done nothing to enhance the roads, homelessness and the overall perception of the Hamilton that makes us all proud.

I had family visit over the past year and every single family member cannot believe that a city of this size has roads that are crumbling and in such disrepair as ours. I do not know what the roads were like before I moved here 12 years ago, but I cannot imagine they were in such a state.

If a tax hike is warranted, I believe that a restructuring of the budget allocation is gravely needed. Priority number one needs to be the roads - we can pull funds from other areas in the city that are not pressing and can wait (i.e. flowers in a roadside planter). This is evidenced by the fact Hamilton was voted as having 3 of the worst roads in Ontario - 1 would be quite a feat, but 3? A feat unheard of. The roads are not lasting - meaning the structure of them and the material being used is inadequate. I would rather pay more now for more robust/longer lasting roads and maintain them as time goes by.

Please strongly consider re-hauling the allocation for the 2025 budget and make roads priority number one.

Thank you for your time,

Adam McCron