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Dear GIC Committee,

I am writing to inform you of the impact that the odours from the GFL landfill have had on my family's quality of life over the last (almost) two years.

I have lived in the Penny Lane Estates subdivision since 2013. Not once from September 2013 to March of 2023 did I ever experience any sort of odour coming from the landfill. I regularly forgot they were even there.

Late in the evening of April 14, 2023 while sitting in my living room watching tv, with the windows open, we suddenly were inundated with an intense rotten egg smell seeping into our home. We immediately closed the windows. Within minutes I received texts from my neighbour asking if we could smell it too. We thought there was a gas leak and called the gas company. They arrived and did an inspection and investigation and informed us that it was a sewer backup likely caused by something happening at the landfill.

Since that dreadful night, we have experienced countless days of horrendous odours (rotten eggs, garbage, burning tires) coming from the landfill for GFL to initially deny their role in the smell only to later confess that it is coming from them after intense pressure from the community to be truthful. GFL lies and gaslights residents by telling us that they do not smell it when they investigate reports that are filed, or that it is mild and intermittent. They have promised a "leachate treatment facility" for a year and it has only been delayed and delayed with no ETA for completion.

In the Fall of 2022 we spent over **\$25,000** on a backyard patio upgrade which we were only able to use and enjoy twice during the following summer of 2023 and only a handful of times in 2024. I feel like we are trapped in our homes, scared of what me and my children are breathing in only to have concerns brushed off by GFL. We are unable to enjoy our property, allow our kids to play outside, have family and friends visit and enjoy fresh air or even open our windows overnight for fear of the smell returning while we are sleeping.

I am requesting that the City of Hamilton please consider some sort of financial compensation for the residents of my community as we have suffered long enough mentally, financially and emotionally and should not have to suffer even more financially because of this due to increased property taxes when we cannot even enjoy the property we're paying for. GFL cannot be allowed to continue to accept new waste

until this matter is fully and completely resolved. The City of Hamilton has a responsibility to protect the people who live in this city and to do everything in its power to stop GFL from continuing to torment their neighbours.

With regards and thanks,

Dana Kennedy