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Hi Councillors,

I am a resident of Hamilton and a McMaster student. I am currently in my third year at McMaster, where I am completing a Combined Honours Degree in Media Arts and Sociology. Through my studies, I have become incredibly passionate about sustainability, accessibility and community.

I am a media producer for OPIRG McMaster, which works to incubate student social movements. This means I am well-aware of the issues that students are passionate about, and I have witnessed firsthand the importance and impact of Hamilton Bike Share. Students have shared their stories of accessibility, convenience and community that they have unlocked through Hamilton Bike Share, where I have been able to easily come to the conclusion that Bike Share is a necessity for the Hamilton and McMaster community.

Further, in my own experience, I have found that not only does Bike Share allow me to travel easily throughout Hamilton, both down-town and around campus, but I have also felt safer travelling than ever before. While I love public transport, I do not like waiting for buses late at night, especially when I am downtown Hamilton. Bike Share allows me to access public transit 24/7, without being at the mercy of unreliable transit options. It fills in the gaps and allows students to feel SAFE and secure.

Defunding this program would be a massive step backwards for the City of Hamilton. When you have granted such an enriching program to citizens—in this case, 30 000+ students—it is heinous to remove a program that benefits so many. Enriching community, safety, and accessibility should not be something revoked because of monetary value. There is more to this city and its people than financial reward.

Hamilton Bike Share helps the quality of life of thousands of McMaster students. Please continue funding bikeshare.

Best,

Sydney Watson-Leung