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Dear Counsellors,

My name is Tina Liu. I am a McMaster Psychology student and am passionate about sustainability. I believe it is imperative to continue funding for BikeShare, as it plays a crucial role in student life. Many students like me rely on BikeShare to commute to school every day. I use BikeShare to get groceries from Fortinos and for rides through Cootes Paradise. BikeShare has helped me appreciate how fun it is to go biking with friends, and how healthy it is for exercise.

Most importantly, BikeShare is sustainable. For many commuters, it's reduced the need for cars. Bikes prevent further spread of pollution, putting Hamilton on the map as a leader in sustainable urban mobility.

Currently, the BikeShare pass is affordable for students from low socioeconomic backgrounds like myself. As a working student, the lowered cost for BikeShare helps me afford my daily living expenses. The BikeShare pass would not be accessible to me if it were to return to the original pricing, rather than the \$24.5/year that it is now.

The City of Hamilton should continue funding BikeShare as it's a cherished part of students' and community member's lives. Please vote YES to continue funding the program and its expansion on April 9th! We're counting on you!

Sincerely,

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