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Dear City Council,

I'm writing as a Hamilton resident and small business owner to voice my strong support for bike infrastructure and public cycling programs like Hamilton Bike Share.

I use Bike Share regularly to get from my home in West Hamilton to my shop, Last Supper Books, on James North. It's not just a convenience - it's a daily part of how I move through the city, and it's something I see benefiting locals and visitors alike. At our shop, we host everything from book clubs to catered coworking days, and many of our guests arrive by bike. Cycling access directly supports small businesses like mine.

Alongside that I started a community-run outdoors group called Try Me Again Later that includes over 200 folks from all parts of the city. We have seen how essential active transportation is to a vibrant, connected city. People need affordable, sustainable ways to get around especially in an affordability crisis, whether they're commuting, running errands, or heading to a show.

That's why I'm deeply concerned about Bill 212 and its potential to undercut Hamilton's work on active transportation. It runs counter to the city's own goals around mobility, equity, and sustainability. I urge Council to push back against this bill and continue investing in protected bike lanes in every ward - not just for cyclists, but for the safety and flow of all road users.

And please continue to support Hamilton Bike Share. It's a low-cost, high-impact way to reduce traffic, connect neighborhoods, and offer reliable transit alternatives. With 100,000 trips last month alone and over 6.4 million kilometers ridden since launch, the numbers speak for themselves.

Not every trip will be made by bike but people deserve the choice. Let's keep building a city where that choice is safe, accessible, and encouraged.

Thanks for your continued leadership.

Matt Carson

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