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To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Letter of Support: May 17th Statutory Public Meeting

To whom it may concern,

I would like to send a letter in reference to the GRIDS2/MCR Plan on the agenda of the May 17th Statutory Public Meeting.

I want to show my support in freezing the urban boundary (as many Hamiltonians have supported last year). To think that we must defend our boundary again after council had already voted to protect it is absurd. I understand that there is a housing crisis but chewing up farmland and the greenbelt to build million-dollar houses is not the solution. It only serves the wealthy developers and real estate investors to whom Premier Ford is loyal.

There is plenty of housing stock within the city, including abandoned households waiting to be recovered, and many homeowners who want to build secondary dwelling units. All of this supports gentle densification which accommodates a growing population, while preserving vital farmland to feed that population without the rising costs of groceries. It also conserves natural habitat which makes our cities more climate resilient, a factor that must be considered if we truly want to house a larger population safely for an indefinite amount of time.

Overall, we need to protect our farmland and build inclusive urban neighborhoods in Hamilton, while also ensuring that Hamilton is climate resilient for the sake of future and current residents.

Please keep this letter for public record.

Thank you and best regards,

Adan Amer