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**Subject:** Concerns Regarding Urban Boundary Expansion and Its Impact on Our Property

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**Muhammad Almas Anjum/Hina Shakir**

Dated: June 21, 2025

**To: City Council**

Legislative Coordinator, Planning Committee,

City of Hamilton, 71 Main Street West, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Hamilton, ON, L8P 4Y5

**Subject: Concerns Regarding Urban Boundary Expansion and Its Impact on Our Property**

Dear Members of the Planning Committee,

We are writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed urban boundary expansion and the potential consequences it may have on our property and quality of life.

As a resident who has cherished the rural character and tranquility of our land, we are alarmed by the possibility that this expansion could lead to significant and irreversible changes. Specifically, we are concerned about the following:

**1. Potential Road Development Through Our Property**

If new roads are planned as part of the expansion, we are worried that they may cut through or near our land. This could result in the severance of our property, reducing its usability and significantly impacting its value. A road dividing our land would not only disrupt the landscape but also compromise the privacy and peace that our family currently enjoys.

**2. Proximity of Commercial or High-Density Development**

The introduction of commercial zones or high-density housing near our property would drastically alter the rural environment. Increased traffic, noise, and light pollution would erode the sense of seclusion and natural beauty that defines country living. The presence of businesses or large residential complexes nearby would also raise concerns about safety, privacy, and the overall character of the neighborhood.

**3. Loss of Rural Lifestyle**

The essence of country living lies in open spaces, natural surroundings, and a

slower pace of life. The encroachment of urban infrastructure threatens to replace this with congestion, environmental degradation, and a loss of community identity. We fear that our home will become an island in an urban jungle, disconnected from the lifestyle we chose when we settled here.

We respectfully urge the council to consider the long-term implications of this expansion on residents like ourselves. We request that detailed plans be shared transparently, including maps showing proposed roadways and zoning changes, and that affected property owners be given a meaningful opportunity to provide input.

Preserving the unique character of our rural areas is essential not only for current residents but for future generations who deserve the choice to live in harmony with nature.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response and to participating in any public consultations on this issue.

**We would also appreciate being notified of the City of Hamilton's final decision regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment.**

Sincerely,

**[Muhammad Almas Anjum & Hina Shakir**