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Dear Mayor Horwath and City of Hamilton Councillors,

As a lifelong Hamilton resident, and a current resident of Ward 11, I am writing to ask you to continue to protect our firm urban boundary.

Through my work as a librarian at McMaster, I support research projects that continually add evidence to the importance of biodiversity, and the risks to our local and global food systems.

I recently read a book called [The Great Displacement](#) by Jake Bittle -- wherein the case study of the perpetual sprawl in Houston resulted in constant flooding; a fate that is eerily reminiscent of what we're seeing annually in Mississauga, and a fate I fear Hamilton is on the cusp of, especially if we continue to move the urban boundary.

Moreover, the cost of extending servicing beyond the existing urban boundary is not a fiscally responsible decision given the budgetary pressures of our municipal finances and an ever increasing levy.

Science, economics, and democracy are all resoundingly clear on the message that the City of Hamilton ought to focus on urban intensification and **not** urban sprawl.

I believe these are all clear reasons to vote no on June 25th.

I know this has been a tiresome journey on your parts to push back against provincial overreaching for the past 5 years on this issue -- and I thank you all for it.

Warm regards,

Nicole Doro