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Dear City Council,

I am writing to express my strongest support to hold the urban boundary. This is a firm decision Hamiltonians have already made, with overwhelming support. We cannot afford to lose valuable food and natural lands in a time of global climate crisis and food insecurity.

Luxury homes build on farmland or in natural areas are an extravagance that we cannot afford in the long term. Expanding the urban boundary is not the way to address the housing crisis. We know that ample solutions and space for housing exist within our urban boundary. Enriching a few land speculators and home builders at the expense of the rest of us, including the citizens of Hamilton, their children, and their children's children, and the species of plants and animals in the areas outside the urban boundary, many of which are species at risk that are critical to maintaining healthy ecosystems and biodiversity is unacceptable. Please hold strong and protect our urban boundary!

Sincerely,

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