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Dear Cameron,

Vote to preserve every inch of our precious non-renewable farmland.

We simply can't afford to lose more farmland or burden future generations with the crushing debt of urban sprawl. Sprawl may benefit developers, but it's the rest of us—our families, our neighbors—who will pay the price, year after year, through rising property taxes and overextended services. It's an unsustainable path, both economically and environmentally.

But we have another way. Our city already holds over 1,200 acres within the former urban boundary—more than enough space to build vibrant, inclusive communities. By choosing compact, thoughtful growth, we can protect what truly matters: the food-growing lands that nourish us, the parks our kids play in, and the roads and sewers we've already invested in.

This is our chance to grow smart, not sprawl aimlessly. Let's stand for a future where our land, our budgets, and our communities all thrive—together.

Let's defend the urban boundary indefinitely.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Tom