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Dear Mayor Horwath and Hamilton City Councillors:

Congratulations to city officials, past and present, for the positive steps taken to address the challenges of climate change.

There has been a lot of work done over the past few years in that regard. In 2018 the Climate Action Reserve Fund was established. In 2019 the city announced its recognition of a climate action emergency and in 2022 the Office of Climate Action was constituted to oversee the City's Climate Action Plan with more programmes and projects approved. Well done!

I trust that, as you consider the budget for 2026 where some cuts may be needed, that **these vitally important climate action initiatives will remain funded** so that Hamiltonians can be protected, as much as possible, from the disastrous and dangerous impacts of climate change as they increase over the years: Extreme heat, flooding, loss of biodiversity, dislocation etc.etc.

Please, do not let the work that you and previous city of Hamilton elected officials and related staff have accomplished in protecting its people from climate change, be lost due to budget cuts.

Respectfully,

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