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Subject: Regarding proposed cuts to investments in climate action and the environment

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To Mayor Andrea Horwath, and whoever else it may concern,

It has come to my attention that several city councillors have suggested cuts and/ or delays to programs including the Climate Change Reserve, the Cycling Master Plan, and the Office for Climate Change Initiatives. I find these proposals to be deeply harmful and ill-advised; these are vital programs to which the city has already agreed, and the fact that these cuts are presented without time for public input (like the last-minute cuts to last year's budget) is unacceptable. The notion that these cuts will save taxpayers money is incredibly shortsighted, as these programs will both pay for themselves many times over and ensure for the well-being of Hamiltonians well into the future, given the costs that climate change will wreak. The councillors in question have also voted to subsidize urban boundary expansion applications and have proposed cutting Main Street safety investments. I cannot take seriously the notion that they have the best interests of everyday Hamiltonians in mind; their priorities have been shown to be cutting costs for the rich. I am writing to voice my opposition to these proposed cuts and to stress the importance of the programs in question.

Sincerely,

Peter Elmer