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Good morning Mayor and Councillors,

We write to say that we do not support cuts to the environment and climate action in the 2026 Budget. We are proud that with the OCCI office, Hamilton is on side with cities of the future. Please do not step backwards, making ill-conceived cuts to the budget to appease some voters.

As we face more extreme weather (heat, floods, storms) it is important to follow through on important initiatives started by the climate office, that are designed to make us more resilient and prepared.

Initiatives involving home retrofits, conservation education, water improvements, electrification, tree canopy, biodiversity preservation are more important now than ever.

If we don't invest now, the costs will be great, for citizens and for public services. It would be very wasteful to discontinue so many hard-fought projects and programmes that are just beginning to combat the biggest crisis we all face.

According to UN-Habitat:

Urban areas generate over 70% of global emissions and account for 75% of primary energy consumption. Yet, cities also account for 80% of the global GDP. Cities are places where people are innovating, adapting, and implementing innovative climate solutions. From ... installing early warning systems, greening streets to cool neighbourhoods, and retrofitting homes to withstand heat and floods. These projects are not just about reducing emissions, it's about giving people the safety, stability, and future they deserve.

Please show foresight and wisdom-

Rose Janson and Family

