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To all councillors, the Mayor and Clerk,

I am writing to you today imploring you to reject any cuts to Hamilton's environmental initiatives and programs. Now, more than ever, this planet we call home needs our help and protection. We need to continue to support climate action, protecting Hamilton's environment, expanding cycling and transit, increasing tree cover and biodiversity.

These programs are tiny expenditures and instead of cutting them the city should be expanding them to make every part of Hamilton a better place to live.

I leave you with this Cree proverb which states the truth beautifully:

“ When all the trees have been cut down,  
When all the animals have been hunted,  
When the air becomes unbreathable,  
When the water becomes undrinkable,  
Only then will you realize you can't eat money.”

In hope,

Verena Walter