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Dear Mayor Horwath and City of Hamilton Councillors,

I am a lifelong Hamilton resident, and currently reside in Ward 11. As you deliberate on the 2026 budget, I would urge you to consider and prioritize Hamilton's climate as a priority in our budget. The very small amount of money we currently spend on climate initiatives is a drop in the bucket of the grand scheme of our budget, and investing in climate action now means spending less in the future to remediate disasters from the effects of an urban heat island, flooding, and impacted agricultural systems from biodiversity loss that we have already started to see in our region.

While I understand affordability and insecure housing are top of mind in your deliberations, I must remind you that climate action is an affordability and housing issue. Those with insecure housing are most likely to face negative health incomes from our local changing climate, and Hamilton residents struggling with affordability are less likely to be able to afford emergency costs for flood remediations, or increased costs for heating and cooling.

Furthermore, I would warn councillors against framing potential cuts to climate initiatives as an affordability issue, particularly those councillors who voted to turn the charges for developer application fees over to Hamilton taxpayers. Such framing is entirely transparent as to who such councillors are working for -- developers, not their constituents -- which would be an indefensible position to take particularly in an election year.

Thank you for your consideration,

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