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Dear Mayor Bob Bratina,

This letter is to urge you to make human trafficking and slavery in Canada a top priority of the government of Hamilton.

I am personally concerned that the RCMP estimates that 600-800 persons are trafficked into Canada annually, predominantly for sexual purposes, and that in spite of this, there is relatively little awareness about human trafficking.

This is especially concerning the fact that there was a case of trafficking right here in Hamilton last October, when 19 Roma refugee workers from Hungary were discovered being held in basements and forced to work long hours at a construction company for no pay.

In order to raise awareness and fight this crime, please consider the following:

- Run an awareness campaign in Hamilton on the existence and nature of human trafficking and slavery.
- Provide more funding to support, protect and make available resources needed to the victims of human trafficking.
- Promote the carrying of fair trade products in Hamilton stores.

Thank you for your role in shaping our city.

Sincerely,