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Hi,

I am citizen of Hamilton and am concerned about the ever rising expenses our city incurs. Of equal importance to me is the environmental destruction around us.

Industry can see the Hamilton area is open and desirable to set up shop. There are a good and talented labor force available, and plenty of brown fields to build on. The developers will profit no matter what, but they should do so without pulling money out of taxpayers pockets. With the money the city saves by cancelling the development charges discounts many more important projects could be funded that would benefit All that live here. As taxpayers, we should have a say in where our money gets spend. I say No to paying for DC!

## To summarize:

Eliminate the current 37% discount entirely, with no gradual phase out and no exemptions for industrial expansions.

Industrial developers who build on unserviced farmland should pay higher DCs compared to those that remediate and build on <u>brownfields</u> within the urban area where infrastructure already exists.

Hamilton taxpayers have not been consulted about DCs exemptions, which will transfer significant costs from developers straight to taxpayers. Developers, not taxpayers should pay for growth.

Thank you and please vote against DC discounts on May 2nd.

Sincerely,

Christiane de Savigny