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FW: May 2 Meeting and Vote

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Hello,

I am a lifelong citizen of Hamilton and I am concerned about discounts for warehouse developers in this city. I'm asking for council to vote no on May 2 to a continuation of these tax discounts.

It is deeply upsetting that the city gives tax discounts to developers who want to build on wetlands. These areas need to be protected, not destroyed. The current 37% discount should be eliminated entirely with no exemptions for industrial expansion.

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

I and all other 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

Teresa Gregorio