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SUBJECT: Support Hamilton’s Vision: Invest in Cycling and Active Transit

Dear [recipient name],

As a Hamilton resident [and Cycle Hamilton member], I’m writing to you to voice my strong support for cycling across our city. Investing in safe, accessible bike infrastructure and programs like Hamilton Bike Share is essential for the health, safety, and well-being of our communities, and for addressing Hamilton’s transportation challenges.

Bike lanes are not just a matter of convenience; they are vital for many residents who rely on affordable transportation options, and are a key part of the solution to reducing congestion and making it easier to move around Hamilton. I am strongly opposed to the proposed legislation put forward by the Ontario government in Bill 212, which would actively work against the goals of Hamilton’s Accelerated Active Transportation Implementation Plan and the City of Hamilton’s vision “to be the best place to raise a child and age successfully”. I ask you to push back against this proposed legislation and continue to invest in protected cycling infrastructure all across our city, in every ward.

I also support continued investment by the City in our bike share system, as a vital part of our transportation network and an essential mode of transportation for Hamiltonians every day. Bike share is an integral part of our public transit system and the City of Hamilton’s contributions towards Hamilton Bike Share’s operating costs has been a demonstrable success, with 100,000 trips in the past month alone and over 6.4 million kilometers cycled on bike share since the system first launched. I ask you to continue to invest in Hamilton Bike Share to enable equitable access to cycling and a low-cost alternative to driving for short trips.

Not every trip can or should be made by bike, but Hamilton residents should have the options and opportunity to make a choice. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[your name]