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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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RE:

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Proposed Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan
Lands Located in the City of Hamilton
South of Garner Road West, West of Fiddlers Green Road, East
of Shaver Road , in the Vicinity of Book Road West – Map
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I am the current owner of lands within the above noted area that is proposed to be removed from the Greenbelt Plan. My lands are specifically located at 287 Book Road West, Ancaster and 219 Book Road West, Ancaster.

I strongly support the removal of these lands from the Greenbelt for the following reasons:

- The subject lands were inappropriately and precipitously added to the Greenbelt in 2016 without proper consultation with residents and businesses in the area;
- The inclusion of the subject lands in Greenbelt was contrary to the City of Hamilton's staff position and that of their consultants engaged in the Greenbelt review process;

- There is no planning or scientific justification to support the inclusion of the lands in the Greenbelt. The inclusion appeared totally arbitrary ;
- The placement of these lands into the Greenbelt had the immediate and long-term effect of depreciating the value of my property and that of my neighbours. Many of us have resided in this area and established business that are generational in tenure and our family future depends on maintaining this asset into retirement; and,
- I understand that the City of Hamilton requires these lands to meet housing needs to address affordability and supply issues. This is an area that affords excellent accessibility to major highways and community services in the abutting urban area of Hamilton and the Ancaster community. I strongly support the Provincial initiatives to increase the supply of housing in my community so that my children and grandchildren can remain in the area.
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- The lands are adjacent to existing settlement areas
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- The lands are adjacent to the edge of the Greenbelt area boundary
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- The lands have the potential to be serviced in the near-term with local infrastructure upgrades to be entirely funded by proponents; and
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- The lands proposed for the removal have the characteristics that would enable housing to be built in the near term.

Sincerely,
David Braun

President,
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