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Hello. I am writing you today to express my concern about the upcoming decision to lift development charges for the next two years. I am very opposed to this.

I do understand the realities of our slowing economy and the effect this has had on the housing market. On a personal note, my husband and I are looking to sell our home and to downsize but have postponed the decision until hopefully the market rebounds.

My concerns about this proposed change to development charges are threefold:

1. the unfair advantage this gives to the construction and development industry, while many other industries are also struggling
2. the perception that giving this handout to developers will result in a quid pro quo relationship with developers and
3. that this incentive will not generate the type of housing that Burlington so desperately needs, specifically geared to income, affordable homes.

While the Ford government has completely absolved itself of any responsibility to fund affordable housing, the City of Burlington could take the lead here in Burlington. If the lifting of development charges were offered to developers building affordable homes, then I would be in favour of such a plan. However, I do not see that the current plan offers any type of help to our citizens needing affordable housing.

As a volunteer at the Compassion Society of Halton, I see regularly the effects of the unaffordable housing market on our clients. They must make the terrible decision to buy food or pay rent. This is an impossible choice and tears at the fabric of our communities.

To me, this is an election issue. I would not vote for anyone who votes in favour of lifting development charges. As a life long political activist, I would offer my experience and support to those who vote against this whether they are in my ward or elsewhere in the city.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and should you wish to contact me, I would be happy to speak further with you.

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