Dear Mr. Eisenberger and all Members of Hamilton City Council,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed expansion of the Hamilton urban boundary in order to accommodate the Aerotropolis.

It is extremely short sighted to destroy farm land when food security and food availability are becoming concerns for the future. Hamilton is fortunate to have such an agricultural resource, it should be protected not obliterated.

My second point concerns the necessity for outward growth. When Hamilton already has brownfield plenty down by the bay, hands which already have infrastructure in place and access to rail and water transportation, infilling is far more desirable than corralling ever farther out.
A further concern is the high cost to supply this proposed employment growth district with roads, water and sewer lines and pumping stations. To commit taxpayers to such huge expense on the uncertain hope of employment growth is at best risky if not foolhardy.

Environmental degradation is yet another problem. The proposed land contains the head waters of four streams. Wholesale building will compromise these water ways not to mention the destruction of wildlife habitats. There will also be increased air and noise pollution associated with the extra plane & truck traffic.

Finally this expansion attempts to jump on the air travel bonanza which most experts agree has already reached its zenith and is now in decline. The proposed expansion is an enormous gamble with the losses, risks and costs for outweighing the chances of success.

Sincerely, Anne Book