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**\*\*EXTERNAL ALERT\*\*** This email originated from outside the Region of Waterloo.

Dear council,

I write to share my support for the anti-hate street harassment by-law.

This by-law is needed to help protect marginalized communities such as 2SLGBTQ+ folks, Indigenous folks, Muslim folks and Black folks.

After the protest regarding sex education in schools, many 2SLGBTQ+ folks were threatened, attacked or had their property vandalized. This makes it hard to be in community. The fear of violence prevents people from being engaged or from being their authentic selves. This can lead to isolation, self harm or suicide.

After the announcement of the new Willow River Centre, it was vandalized.

Residents of Waterloo Region need to know that street harassment is unacceptable and that they will be held accountable.

It's okay to have different opinions but it's not okay to make community members fearful for their lives or their loved ones.

As a queer person, passing this by-law would confirm that my life and all marginalized lives matter and are worthy of protection.

Please do something to stop the harassment. It is violence.

Thank you!

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