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Subject: Please Reconsider Excess Funding for Police
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger and members of the Hamilton Police Council,

I am writing to express my concern over the Hamilton Police Service budget, which is reported to have over a \$2.1M surplus in the year 2020. Hamiltonians and Canadians abroad are voicing their opinions regarding the defunding of police; that this excess funding can and should be put towards something better for our community not the police.

As you meet today to discuss this budget, please consider putting this funding towards initiatives within the city that will help reduce crime and give those less fortunate the ability to prosper as human beings in our city.

Put this excess funding into affording housing, mental health, and addiction. These are meaningful initiatives that will allow those less privileged to get off the streets, reduce encampments, reduce strain on the Hamilton Police Service -- and therefore the police's budget.

I am heartbroken to see those homeless people wander the streets every day in our city. I am a regular donator to the Hamilton Food Share, and I give what I can to those in need. Please consider as you meet today, how you can truly help our people with this excess funding.

Thank you for hearing my concerns, I look forward to your response.

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