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Subject: Tax Payer's opinion on Police Services Increase

As a 3rd generation Hamiltonian, a tax paying property owner [REDACTED] and a law abiding citizen, who positively contributes to our community, I am fully supportive of increasing the Police Budget.

The Hamilton Police Force should receive whatever funding is necessary in order for them to fulfill their mandate in restoring safety and lawfulness in Hamilton. I am confident that my view represents that of the majority of Hamiltonians who lack tolerance and seek protection for the increase in shootings, open drug use, carjackings, break-ins and general lack of intrusion and safety in this city, that for some bizarre reason is being pushed by a small group attempting to normalize harmful, unacceptable and illegal behaviors.

We have long passed the breaking point since enabling these illegal behaviors have financially drained and backlogged City Services ranging from Police, Paramedics and Hospitals to our Judicial System. I, along with the majority of tax paying, law abiding citizens have had enough of special interest agendas taking precedence over law and safety.

As a female, I want to be able to freely walk down any street in my home town or do the stairs up the mountain at any time of day, without having the fear of physical and or sexual threat. I want to park My Car, in My Underground Parking Spot downtown, knowing that I won't have to deal with it being occupied by a Drug Addict who felt entitled to smash my windows. I want to be able to drive down the street without being placed in danger of causing an accident or accidentally running someone over because they are incoherently staggering in traffic and harassing people for drug money. I want to arrive home after a hard day at work and feel secure that no one has kicked in my doors, violated my privacy and the sanctity of my home by stealing from me and my family. I want

to not have to worry about my family members being in harms way simply by being at the wrong place at the wrong time. I want the physical, mental and emotional freedom of knowing that the Police have the power and the resources to protect me and my family from criminals.

Ultimately, I want Hamilton to be the safest, cleanest, most prosperous City in Canada. So, for me, the real public focus shouldn't be about forcing those, who risk their own lives to protect us and our families, to prove their worth, but it should be about ascertaining the true motives of those groups and individuals who are denying Police their funding and Hamiltonians their right to protection and safety.

Thank you,
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