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Subject: POLICE BUDGET

To the members of the Hamilton Police Services Board :

I am writing in response to your request for public input to the police budget proposed for 2024. I have not seen the budget and consequently I cannot comment on what, if anything, can be cut. I am extremely pleased however to be afforded this opportunity to comment on what CANNOT BE CUT.

I own commercial properties at [REDACTED] which fall within the bounds of International Village BIA in downtown Hamilton. As my business also operates from this location, I see each day how it is critically important that no part of the budget be cut that would impair the ability of Hamilton Police Services to provide regular police patrols and beat officers to this part of our downtown core.

This area is in dire need of increased police presence. It has become unsafe for anyone visiting, doing business, or working in the area. It is sad, and it is scary to see our downtown deteriorate this way.

Crime is on the increase, and police response times are not adequate to be effective or to ensure a safe environment. I would advocate for increased budgeting to be allocated if that is what is required to provide adequate police patrols, better incidence response time, and full time beat officers.

Thank you for the opportunity to express this critical need for more policing in our downtown core.

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