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Subject: Police Budget

Hello,

I'm writing to voice my opinion as a citizen of Hamilton that I think the police budget request is way too high. If the police budget decreases then the city will be able to fund necessary community programs for our most marginalized citizens: those who don't have houses, those who can't afford groceries, those who are new to the country, those who need healthcare support, etc.

As a healthcare worker in Hamilton I see first hand how underfunded our community programs are.

It is evidenced all over the country that increased police funding doesn't increase people's safety. In times like these we don't need more surveillance, we need more things like housing.

Please, let's reallocate our city's resources to better avenues.

Robyn Deshaies