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Subject: Hamilton Police Budget

Dear Members of the Hamilton Police Board,

As a resident of Hamilton, I want to clearly state that the police budget increase shouldn't be approved.

The issues that plague Hamilton are connected to growing inequality in a world which faces a climate crisis.

We as a community need to address housing needs, food insecurity, health, transportation, and mental health/addiction concerns.

Policing can't solve those issues.

Please reject the police budget increase request and fully fund programs which address inequality in our community like housing, transit, food security and provide strength based health / well being programs which help our citizens improve their current situation.

Sincerely Michelle Tom