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**To:** Stevenson, Kirsten < Kirsten. Stevenson@hamilton.ca>

**Subject:** Policing

Hi Kristen, I read the Hamilton Spectator article and would like to comment.

Ave in downtown Hamilton. Safety has become a serious issue in our downtown. I urge our Police Services Board NOT to cut any part of the 2024 police budget which could jeopardize the ability of Hamilton Police Services to provide a better police presence in the downtown core. We are badly in need of more police presence and patrols in the downtown core, which will help facilitate quicker response times for any calls, which will ultimately increase the safety of our community.

Thank-you.