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Subject: Police budget

Hello Kirsten,

Let me start by stating that I have had the fortune to always be employed in the private sector & in my last 10 years of employment was responsible for a budget much larger than that of our entire city. I bring this up only to say I think I know a little about budgets & the entire process.

Obviously in our world we have to make the \$ before anything happens. In a down year the wallet is shut right down to the point where cell phones were canceled. Try doing business today without one!

Our chief is between a rock & u know what but that should not mean an automatic raise year after year. As a senior today I wish I had that option my taxes go up but my income does not, as is the case for most seniors.

For the budget to go back & shave potentially a few points is prudent business. The public purse only goes so far but very few in that world seem to care.

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