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Hello Kirsten,

My name is Catherine Bush I'm writing as a concerned resident of Hamilton regarding proposed police budget increases. We have recent evidence in the Canadian context (paper "Police Funding and Crime Rates in 20 of Canada's Largest Municipalities: A Longitudinal Study) that there is "no consistent correlation between police funding and crime rates across the municipalities." What we do know is that increased social service funding actually does work to decrease crime rates. (See: Does Welfare Prevent Crime? the Criminal Justice Outcomes of Youth Removed from Ssi) As such, I am opposed to further police budget increases.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Catherine Bush
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