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

Subject: Re-examine police budget proposed increase

Dear Ms Stevenson,

I am a ward 3 resident and I am not in favour of my tax dollars going to the proposed police budget increase. Evidence demonstrates that an increase in police budget has not resulted in a decrease of crime. I also do not appreciate that my tax dollars fund 6 figure salaries of police officers on suspension and their legal fees.

I would like to see that money go to fund more support staff in my children's schools so perhaps they come home less physically and mentally distressed when their elementary school goes into a hold when the neighbouring high school is in a lockdown for a potential shooting. Or maybe additional social workers and EAs in school would help reduce the likelihood a 15 year old would be arrested for possession and dealing fentanyl. This is where my children attend school.

A police budget increase does not make me feel safe. It makes me feel livid because it is at the expense of everyone else.

Sincerely,

Kaelyn Koepke
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