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**From:** Michele Gallagher [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 7:29 PM

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

**Subject:** The demand is still defund

Good evening,

My name is Michelle Gallagher, at [REDACTED]

I am here to express my conviction that our city cannot afford ANY further increases to the police budget.

The city and it's people have far more pressing needs. I remind you again, it is the city's responsibility to provide affordable housing for its citizens. It is the city's responsibility to provide access to care. It is the city's responsibility to create safe communal spaces.

We cannot afford to increase the police budget.

Sincerely,

Michelle Gallagher  
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