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**Sent:** Thursday, February 8, 2024 11:43 PM

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

**Subject:** Consituent Commentary to the Hamilton Police Board Regarding the Proposed HPS Budget

Hi Ms. Stevenson,

Please find my constituent commentary to the Hamilton Police Board regarding the proposed 16 million dollar increase in the HPS budget.

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To the Hamilton Police Board,

I would like to express my strong urge to see the Hamilton Police Board refuse the proposed 16 million dollar increase for the Hamilton Police Services. There has been a constant call for the HPS budget to be reduced and defunded, and the choice to increase the budget by an additional 16 million dollars goes against the community's direct calls for the HPS budget and operations to be defunded in favour of community supports and initiatives.

The Hamilton Police Board has a responsibility to advocate for the community to foster connections to Hamilton's Police Services, and as such should take into consideration the continuous demand for defunding rather than increasing budgets into 2024.

#TheDemandIsStillDefund

Thank you for your consideration,  
Carina Cutillo