From: Mitchell Ubene

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

Subject: Police Services Budget

Hi Kirsten,

I am writing as a concerned citizen in Hamilton to ask that the board rejects the police budget increase for this year.

The Hamilton police budget has been increasing for years and it's clear that right now we need that money directed towards other community services instead of the police. If anything, research has shown that decreasing the amount of funding to police would help reduce crime and other issues, as resources could be allocated towards more important social funding programs such as communal housing.

I hope you can value the opinion of the majority of our community on this who agree that the police does not need this funding increase.

Thank you for your time, Mitchell Ubene