

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Stevenson, Kirsten](#)
Subject: Proposed Police Budget Increase
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Dear Kirsten,

I am a ward 1 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 believe that money should go to fund more support staff in schools; perhaps children and teachers would come home less physically and mentally distressed when their school goes into a hold and secure or lockdown; maybe it would help reduce students' aggressive outbursts, bear mace going off in the hallway, and 15 year olds being arrested for possession and dealing fentanyl. My husband is a teacher at Bernie Custis S. S. and has found himself directly involved with these situations and their aftermath.

A police budget increase does not schools safer for my kids, husband, or anyone else. It makes me feel livid because it is at the expense of everyone else.

Sincerely,
Christina Hayes

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