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**From:** Alix MacLean  
**Sent:** August-15-19 9:46 AM  
**To:** info@hamiltonpolice.on.ca; Office of the Mayor; Morin, Lois; Jackson, Tom; Wilson, Maureen  
**Subject:** Re: Police response to the bus incident at the rally against hate Saturday August 10th, 2019

Hello,

I haven't received a response to my concern, which is troubling. I don't know if you are reading the news about what is happening, but all over North America the far-right are radicalizing and turning to violence. This man who drove the bus on the sidewalk was testing the Hamilton police and they failed. He should be ticketed at minimum, and banned from driving his bus in that area again. If he comes back with his bus and tries to drive it on the sidewalk again he should be charged with threatening people. If you don't start treating these people coming from out of town to cause trouble in our city like the threat they are they will come in greater numbers and cause more trouble. People, including myself, are scared to take their children by city hall on Saturdays. How can you let that happen?

This happened last night. Heather Heyer was killed by a car while peacefully protesting hate. You have to start treating this as the major threat that it is.  
<https://www.jta.org/2019/08/14/united-states/truck-drives-into-row-of-jewish-protestors-at-ice-detention-center-in-rhode-island>

Alix MacLean

On Mon, Aug 12, 2019 at 11:47 AM Alix MacLean  
Mayor Eisenberger and the Hamilton Police Board,

While I appreciate the mayor and several councillors' attendance at the Saturday rally against hate, can you please explain how someone was able to drive a bus on to the sidewalk and was not charged or fined by police? Especially considering two years ago to this very day Heather Heyer was killed by an alt-right person who drove his car into a crowd of peaceful anti-racist protesters? Less than two years ago an incel drove his van through crowds of people in Toronto and killed ten people? A hostile person driving a van on to the sidewalk of a peaceful protest to intimidate people needs to be treated with the utmost seriousness as a threat.

I have no idea why the Hamilton police force continues to handle this situation so poorly, but it's starting to look to the larger Hamilton community like there are alt-right sympathizers on the police force, which frankly makes me terrified to live in Hamilton with my child and terrified for my LGBTQ and BIPOC friends and family.

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