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Subject: Meeting request

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Hello Maureen.

We need your assistance please. I am a Ward1 resident living on Kent St. I am, like so many others, very deeply saddened by the current racial climate being felt so powerfully all around the world. I am Angry with the systemic racism that is still so rampant in our society. I do not agree with Doug Ford who stated yesterday, that this type of systemic racism doesn't exist in Canada. I feel that his statements just perpetuate the white privilege that we all so blindly, or not so blindly, continue to enjoy. A white man in power saying this exacerbates the issues right at the core of our judiciary and political systems. Thereby keeping the ugliness hidden and allowing racist people and acts to go on as usual unchecked and thus maintaining our privilege.

There is one shining light in all of this that I am extremely proud of and lifted by and that is the loud voices and courage of our Hamilton youth. Our youth will demand the change we need in our community.

My son, Jaxon(a 2nd yr student at UBC) has started a petition to have our Hamilton police to wear bodycams. This is an important step in transparency and accountability. Police have extreme power and with great power comes great responsibility. This would go such a long way to show our youth and our black youth in particular that their voices are heard and we won't be silent or complacent in our great city...that we stand with them and Black lives matter. That Hamilton will not be silent.

We are asking for your assistance.

We ask that you facilitate a face to face meeting between yourself, my son Jaxon Ciraolo-Brown, Police Chief Eric Girt, the Hamilton Police Services board and Fred Eisenberger. Jaxon would like an opportunity to bring this petition directly to them and have the voices of the petition heard in a professional, peaceful manner.

Jaxon has contacted you as well.

Attached is a link to his petition with over 7500 signatures in 12 hrs.

https://www.change.org/p/goal-require-hamilton-police-officers-to-wear-body-cameras-on-duty? recruiter=1103334312&recruited_by_id=956bbfa0-a4f9-11ea-83e6-dd70d2df7a42&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=petition_dashboard

Kindly contact Jaxon Ciraolo-Brown or myself

to discuss

Best Regards,
Tina.

Tina Ciraolo

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