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Dear Kirsten,

I hear you're the one to write to to share a letter with the Police Services Board. Thank you so much! I'd be grateful if you could share this letter:

Dear Police Services Board,

I wanted to write with some encouragement and some questions surrounding policing in our city. While I haven't had much personal interaction with your department, I am very grateful for the way that officers responded to a Syrian newcomer friend of mine who was facing discrimination from a neighbour. The officers who visited him even followed up and later helped his family get new furniture.

I'm very encouraged to read in the Spec that your officers are not trained to use chokeholds. I know this has gone a long way to prevent unnecessary deaths!

Here are a few questions I have that I would be so grateful if you could answer:

- Could you tell me more about your de-escalation policies?
- What duty to officers have to intervene if another officer is violating use of force policies?
- What does your use of force continuum entail?
- Do you have a reporting system for when officers threaten to use force or use force on civilians?

I'm eager for your answers. Thank you so much!

Best,

Brittani Farrington