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To: [Stevenson, Kirsten](#)
Subject: Police Services Board & Body Cameras
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Hi Kirsten,

I am writing to bring up a couple of issues in light of ongoing racism within our country. I am not sure that you are the person that I need to speak to, so if this is incorrect, I am happy to send this to someone else.

Firstly, according to your website, it appears that everyone on the Police Services Board is white. This is highly problematic. It is very important that members of the Board include people of colour - it looks to me like your website is missing one person, so perhaps I am wrong in my assumption - even so, if out of seven individuals, only one is a person of colour, we have a problem.

The main reason I am emailing you is about body cameras being used on police. I realize this issue has been debated many times, most recently in November, but I am writing to voice my support for the cameras. It is so important that the use of force by police officers is well documented and body cameras is seemingly the easiest way to do so. I realize this program costs money. However, it will be money well spent if they hold our police force accountable and increases the safety of marginalized communities.

As a white, cisgender, straight female, I've always felt decently safe in Hamilton. However, after what happened at the Pride incidents last year, I have not felt that way. I am learning how unsafe our city has been for so many people for so long. Most recently, I was informed by a coworker that her 15 year old black son was recently stopped by police while out for a jog. He had done absolutely nothing wrong. This is unacceptable. Things need to change in our city.

I hope this letter will continue to press the need for body cameras and move towards a more inclusive Police Services Board.

Sincerely,
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