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Subject: Defunding the Police
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To the Hamilton Police Board:

I am a resident of Ward 3 and I am writing to urge Hamilton Police Board to take seriously the issue of defunding the police. I am grateful for the passion and bravery of members of our BIPOC community in raising this issue and showing so clearly that there is a fundamental mismatch between the levels of police funding and the health and wellbeing of many people in our community. As students and Black, Indigenous and People of Colour have clearly articulated, the degree and style of policing today is intimidating, often unfairly used based on racial profiling, and in the worst cases outright dangerous for those communities. People have also rightly questioned why we send armed officers to address issues where no use of force should be required, and where having armed officers can unnecessarily escalate situations to tragic effect.

The Police Board must consider how significant police funding can be reallocated to better support the long-term well-being of the community. This should be done in consultation with the BIPOC community and youth, and should be done immediately.

Sincerely,

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