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To: [Stevenson, Kirsten; Office of the Mayor](#)
Subject: Police body cams
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Hello,

I understand that it was decided in last years budget that body cams for police were not deemed to be worth including.

As a resident of Hamilton I want to bring to your attention again, although I know it was also part of last years discussions, that use of body cams on police result in fewer use of force cases. I feel strongly it's in everyone's best interest to have greater oversight for a group that is funded by taxpayers to protect and serve the public.

Once at a RIDE program stop in 2011 a police officer was very inappropriate with me, but ultimately I drove away unharmed. I can think of another occasion where I heard a police officer say to a group of my friends that he would [REDACTED] them in the [REDACTED] with a mag lite." As someone who is not a person of colour, I truly wonder what the results of these incidents would have been if I or the other people involved had been a visual minority. I also wonder if those officers would have chosen those words in that tone if they knew they were being recorded. Those interactions seriously damaged my view of the Hamilton police and I'm sure you can appreciate why. Would it not also be in your best interest to increase oversight if it builds public trust in the police?

Please reconsider your choice when preparing or approving next years budget, or preferably, even sooner. You could even make a commitment now to implement this change on the next budget.

Looking forward to your consideration and decisive action,

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Sent from my iPhone