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Subject: Defund Police/OPP/RCMP

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Dear elected officials,

I am a resident of Ward 3/Hamilton Centre, and as your constituent and a citizen of this city, province, and country, I write to you to implore you to use this historic moment to take the bold step of defunding police/OPP/RCMP.

It can no longer be ignored that police brutality is happening in our cities and against our Black and Indigenous fellow human beings. We have ignored this for too long. It is time to take action.

No one experiencing a mental health issue should end up dead after police intervention, and yet we have two examples in as many weeks right here in Canada. This cannot continue.

The false security police forces provide to white people, like me, cannot supersede the lives of Black and Indigenous folks. We will all be safer when police are defunded and those same funds are used in community to support folks with mental health issues, housing insecurity, addictions issues, insufficient income, etc.

This cannot wait.

Warmly,

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