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Subject: Use Your Power for a Better Canada for All

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Hello,

I am emailing you regarding police presence in Hamilton schools. I await your response.

As evidenced by the TDSB studies and their decision to remove police from schools, police directly contribute to the devastating school-to-prison pipeline and traumatize BIPOC every day. When TDSB removed police from schools, suspensions decreased 24% and expulsions decreased 53%.

You have power which was given to you by this community. It is time to use this power to take direction from Black and Indigenous community leaders who call for the immediate defunding and removal of police from their communities, including schools.

As an educated, middle class, able bodied white woman, I want to also ask you to please realize that everyone in this society has been raised to think that white people know the best solution to every problem. The time is now to override this programming and to finally listen to Black and Indigenous community leaders. Take your lead from people with lived experience and use your power to create a safer Hamilton for everyone, not just for white, middle to upper class, able bodied, heterosexual people.

On June 22nd, will you vote to terminate the police liaison program?

Please advise,
Leah