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Dear Mayor Eisenberger, Councillors and Hamilton Police Force,

With the current calls to defund and abolish the police department, I would like my objection to these measures to be heard. While I support calls for transparency, accountability and review of police actions and policies, I cannot in good conscience accept the crippling or dissolution of this city's law enforcement. Such demands are not in either the short-, or long-term, interest of law-abiding citizens and residents of this city. It would ultimately only benefit those with criminality on their mind.

Instead of cutting funding to the police force, I support increases in funding for:

Better screening of police cadets to root out those ill-equipped to serve the community fairly

Increased training for both peaceful and combative interactions with the public

Widespread use of bodycams and other accountability tools

The formation of specialized taskforce to oversee wellness checks

Increase statistical analysis of perpetrator and victim demographics to better understand the root cause of crime and police-civilian interactions

Thank you for your time and attention,

Dr Xavier D. Michaud, PhD,

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-Dalai Lama

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