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Hello.

I am writing to you today to express my support of the Freedom Camp outside of Hamilton City Hall and their demands to defund the police.

What happened yesterday was disgraceful and unacceptable. The demands for a public meeting rather than a private one need to be met.

The city has been failing to keep its people safe and has been utilizing violence against peaceful protestors. Human rights have been and are continuing to be violated.

We demand HPS cease ticketing and surveilling of homeless and disabled people.

We demand that the HPS stop targeting activists and communities pushing back against white supremacists.

We call on the HPS to release accounting on taxes used to surveil and police Black, Indigenous, and racialized communities.

We demand that the HPS halt purchases of weapons, high tech surveillance equipment, and cease surveilling communities.

Regards,

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