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Subject: Return the \$

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Hi there:

I support the encampment at City Hall. We need to take care of people, this year more than ever. We need safe places for our homeless people. We need more funds dedicated to social services, housing, child welfare.

The HPS does not need more money. The people of Hamilton need more money and more help. We need to divest from their budget to help Hamiltonians. All Hamiltonians.

Please do the right thing and listen to the youth at City Hall. These are peaceful protestors who are trying to imagine a way forward where people's basic needs are met so they don't resort to crime.

Defunding the police sounds extreme, but if you start listening to BIPOC and to the youth and really doing the work to learn / unlearn how these systems only serve a few it is possible to move forward. To be bold and to find a new way to serve the community.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Danielle Hitchcock-Welsh