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Hi Fred:

I voted for you and am unhappy with how you're handling the youth activists at City Hall.

I understand defunding the police sounds radical. When I first heard about it, I thought it was crazy. As I looked into it further, I realized it means reallocating funds to areas that would actually impact a decrease in crime.

There is an over \$500K surplus that HPS has. Why not allocate that to housing? More houselessness people are going to die this year because of COVID, why can't we *try* to do something about it? Let's do the right thing as a city and figure out a way to move some funds around. It isn't right that the police budget is so high compared to so many other important sectors in our city.

This is the future, please talk to them publicly and really consider reallocating some money. It sounds radical. But it can (and must) be done.

Thank you,  
Danielle