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To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

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Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

I am emailing to express my disgust at how you and the Hamilton Police Force acted last weekend at the Gage Park for Pride event. What you did is NOT acceptable, and does NOT align with the feelings of the general public of Hamilton.

How can you prioritize the safety of your extremist, hate-filled citizens over that of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community? I truly don't understand why any city leader would act this way.

Defending the police's choice to avoid intervening at the Gage Park for Pride event is an irresponsible decision. The "they said don't come! So when they asked for help and there was clearly a threat to the safety of our citizens, we didn't come cause they didn't invite us" narrative aligns with the thought process of a five year old.

My queer friends living in Hamilton don't feel safe in their own city. You have reinforced this hatred, and therefore have failed as Mayor.

Regards,
Talia