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Subject: Police misconduct and unjustified use of force against vulnerable citizens!
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Dear Premier and Mayor,

Thanks to technology and citizen journalism, the Canadian public have recently had to watch many difficult media images and videos of giant-sized policemen with guns swarming and violently assaulting vulnerable citizens. Many of us have also listened to or read about tragic stories of Canadian families that requested help for their loved ones who were experiencing mental health distress, but ended up losing the person in the hands of police.

And here we are today, watching a video of a 15-year-old Canadian CHILD, on the floor face down, hands held back, and three large adults (members of Hamilton Police Service) pressing down hard on his tiny body!!! This child wasn't resisting arrest. He was clearly terrified and was struggling to keep his chest and head up, perhaps fearing he may be pushed into the concrete. There is absolutely no justification for this level of AGGRESSION on the part of the HPS officers, and the mysterious woman in civilian clothes helping them.

Serving as a Police officer in Canada is a privilege, not a right. Officers are public servants who are sworn and paid to protect members of the public. Therefore, every Canadian province and municipality should file criminal charges against police officers operating within their jurisdictions, who intentionally abuse their powers and engage in professional misconduct, including excessive use of force and physical assaults on vulnerable citizens during arrests, and while in their custody.

Too much money + too much weapons + too much privilege = too much power = too much corruption. Cutting police budgets and re-directing funds to community programs that are better suited to help address the needs of vulnerable Canadians e.g. the youth, people experiencing mental health challenges, addictions, new immigrants, etc is very important.

Secondly, Canadian police forces need to shed their traditional "white-boys club" image. Diversity in the forces is needed in order to build trust between police and communities of colour, who are often victimized by rogue officers.

Lastly, it is a blatant act of violence for OPS and HPS officers to arrest peaceful protestors and activists that were exercising their constitutional rights, and are rightfully demanding police reforms as well as change to police budgets. And Silence or refusal by political leaders & officials to meet with them and listen to their concerns is a huge betrayal, and is not a Canadian value!!!

Sincerely,

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