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To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>;
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Subject: City Council meeting - Feb 11

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Councillor Pauls,

My name is Meaghan Horn and my family and I are constituents of ward 7. As Councillor Pauls is my representative. but has registered a conflict of interest on Police matters, I am sending my email to both of you in order to ensure that I am properly represented at City Hall.

I am calling on you both to vote against the proposed 2.98% increase to the Police Services budget to support Councillor Nan's motion to return the Police budget surplus to the city and reallocate it to housing and community-led harm-reduction supports for those facing housing, mental health, and addiction crisis. It is incumbent upon City Council to ensure our city's most vulnerable are cared for.

As a homeowner, I understand that property taxes need to be increased to benefit our community, but I am strongly opposed to an increase in the police budget. We need to invest in community-led organizations that are offering services to vulnerable communities and create effective alternative services such as crisis intervention, mental health centers and housing.

With municipal elections coming up next year, the people of the City of Hamilton will be looking closely at the actions of City Council. Myself and many others will be voting for more effective leadership if you are unable to offer immediate and meaningful actions as outlined above.

Sincerely,
Meaghan Horn