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**Subject:** Invest in Healthy & Safe Communities

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To Chairs and Members of Emergency & Community Services Committee,

My name is Kaitlin and my husband Wes and I have been living at [REDACTED], for 7 years. We are both Caucasian with post-secondary educations, and have three children. We live in Ward 2 and invest in our area by doing all of our business and activities within walking distance. We love this city.

I write to you to express my deep concern about the lack of funding for Healthy & Safe Communities in Hamilton as well as the exorbitant amount of money the city spends on Policing. In recent news I've learned that the City of Hamilton spends \$171 million on policing which I think should be reinvested to where we need it most.

As a taxpayer I would love our high taxes to go into initiatives that care for the community. We need to invest in proper care for people most in need especially in our ward: those who are homeless, struggling with addiction or mental health trauma, and newcomers to Hamilton. We need affordable housing including regular maintenance, more money for education, more childcare, and programs to support the new families integrating into the city.

I don't want my taxpayer money to go to 4 new traffic cops and their cars. I want a better investment for our community and that means reducing the budget for Hamilton Police and reinvesting that money into Healthy & Safe Communities.

Thank-you

Kait