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**Subject:** A Call To Action- Defund Peel Police

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Hello,

My name is Blessing Adereti and I am a resident of Peel Region, writing today to express my displeasure with the actions of Peel Regional Police and their ineffective methods of change. After several unjust deaths and harmful actions towards the community, the Peel Police have maintained an oversized budget while still ignoring the community's plea for change. Public services are continuously cut while the police budget expands (5.4% since 2019 alone) and the people who the police are supposed to "protect and serve" are consistently let down, uninformed and left out of the conversation.

The Peel Police have recently begun implementing body cameras, which is another ineffective method that fails to serve the community. Body cameras do not address the root issues and incorporating them without taking the proper steps in other areas will only exacerbate our problems while further increasing the Police budget.

Mayor Patrick Brown, Mayor Bonnie Crombie and Mayor Thompson as well as regional chair Nando Iannicca- Please uphold your duty to serve your communities and take action towards a better public health. Seriously consider the following and aid in providing the support the community deserves.

I implore the board to take on the task of defunding the Peel Police and aiding in reallocating the funds to community-focused services. I and many others disagree with Mayor Bonnie Crombie's stance that defunding is "an arbitrary action," and if the Region of Peel truly cares for black, indigenous, mentally ill and disabled lives- it must be understood that the funding would be put to better use elsewhere. This includes food programs, shelters, counselling, schooling and especially mental health services.

The peel police are clearly incapable of handling disability and mental health crises- exemplified by the recent killing of D'Andre Campbell. If the proper mental health professionals were accessible to the community, many wrongful deaths like his could have been avoided.

Please take responsibility towards "A safer community together." Thank you for your time, it is very appreciated.

Sincerely,

Blessing Adereti

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