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Subject: Public comment for agenda item 808 - No more increased funding for the Portland Police Bureau
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Hello,

My name is Ashley Schofield. I am a mom, a volunteer, a homeowner, and taxpayer in the city of Portland.

I am writing in regards to the agenda item 808 on the Wednesday, November 10 City Council meeting: Adopt the FY 2021-22 Fall Supplemental Budget and make other budget-related changes.

Last week, Mayor Ted Wheeler expressed intent to increase funding for the Portland Police Bureau during the Fall Supplemental Budget Process to hire nearly 300 officers. It's so disheartening to live in a city where our government does not listen to the needs and wants of the people. The PPB terrorized and beat people in the streets all last summer. They continue to be not in compliance with DOJ standards for the history of excessive force, and this was before last summer. Yet you want to give more money on the false premise that more cops make us safer. More cops will not prevent crime. More cops will not solve crime. Please show us the statistics that prove this proposed budget addition will do all those things.

A real investment in funds to housing, family services, and community resiliency driven safety is needed. Police protect property. That is their only job. What we need is to protect our community.

I do not want my money to go to the police. I know none of you are listening except Commissioner Hardesty. None of you are asking questions. Why? What is your gain? Because it's not a gain for the community.

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