

To the Toronto Police Services Board,

Recently, John Tory spoke on the city's policing system saying "We must fix that model by changing the way policing is done in order to stamp out systemic racism within our police service and to rethink, in some cases, whether police are the right community response at all."

Acknowledging that police response is not suitable to all the tasks they have is true and can be resolved through defunding and allocating the funds into our communities. The police should not be funded and responsible for a majority of the tasks they've been given.

Thousands of Torontonians agree that prioritizing the police through funding is not the solution to improving health, safety & protection, and ending anti-Black racism. Investing in the police VS investing in our communities sends a false message that there's a one-size-fits-all solution and that's not effective.

If we truly need to come together to better improve our city, then we must defund the police and invest in initiatives across our community.

Thank you,  
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