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Hello,

I am a public school teacher and I am joining my fellow community members in demanding that police departments are defunded and police officers are held accountable for their actions. My students of color are not safe in their own homes and this needs to change. We need to end qualified immunity. All officers need to pay reparations themselves and not use our tax dollars to fix their mistakes. When an officer is fired, this needs to be public record so they can't get a job in another county. School districts need to cut all ties with police departments. Funding must be reallocated to schools, mental health, and housing instead of militarizing the police force. Tear gas, rubber bullets, and other non-lethals must be outlawed. We need to take care of our youth, not intimidate them with violence and send them to jail. I love my students and I love my city. I hope you do the right thing to make it better.

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