I think it is essential that money that would ordinarily go to police services be diverted to other forms of first responders, mental health workers, social workers, supervised injection sites and others of the sort. The police have shown they are not the best form of response when someone is having a mental health crisis, an overdose, dealing with poverty/homelessness and other non-criminal activities. It is time that Ottawa takes a proactive and progressive stand in helping our most vulnerable citizens. Please reduce the amount of money given to the OPS and invest in what our community needs.

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