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Hello and thank you for letting me speak to this issue. My partner and I are successful professionals living in Westboro with our 2 boys aged 8 and 10. My voice doesn't matter anymore than any grassroots activist here tonight but I'd like to dispel the myth that abolition is an ideal with limited or niche support. That's objectively false.

I took the time to provide a delegate because none of the important issues in Ottawa (e.g. housing, public health, climate change, public transit, mental health services, unnecessary drug harms, etc.) require an armed police force to be solved. In fact, police interventions have time and time again made the situation worse and/or opposed progressive change.

Listen to community advocates: defund the police. The Ottawa Coalition for a People's Budget has a sound plan to better use public funds for the community. It's a great place to start.

At the very least, freeze the police budget like you promised.

Thank you.