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Hello,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Tari Ajadi, and I'm emailing on behalf of a newly formed research team to request a spot at the Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Board of Police Commissioners meeting to present to the Board about a research project aimed at developing a participatory budgeting tool to support equitable decision-making around policing and community safety in HRM. The project is designed to support the implementation of the *Defunding the Police: Defining the Way Forward for HRM* report submitted to the Board in its January meeting, and to support upcoming deliberations around the budget for Halifax Regional Police for 2023/24.

The research team includes myself and Dr. El Jones (two co-authors of the *Defunding* report) as well as Yaren Bilge Kaya and Dr. Kayse Maass, two industrial engineers at Northeastern University in Boston, MA who upon seeing the *Defunding* report were interested in applying their expertise in complex systems and social justice interventions to Halifax. We would need between 10 and 15 mins for the presentation if possible, and would be happy to answer any questions that Board members may have about the project.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request and I hope you have a great weekend.

Best regards,

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