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Dear City Council Members,

I am concerned with how the Public Safety LIT funds are being spent in Terre Haute. Rather than giving more money to policing--which our city does not need--please divert funds to more effective and holistic safety programs. For example, use these funds to support homelessness intervention efforts with Reach Services, bolster mental health care initiatives by hiring more social workers, and invest in drug treatment programs.

Terre Haute needs non-punitive options to support its citizens. This means funding non-police efforts. I support caring for citizens in Terre Haute, not caging them. Incarceration is **not** an effective tool to reduce crime. Intervention and rehabilitation are. Invest in those efforts. Do not use LIT funds for policing in Terre Haute.

Your constituents are watching.

Sincerely,
Anne Johnson
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