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Dear Mayor Bethune,

My name is Jamie Karl, and I am a constituent in Myrtle Beach, SC. I attended Carolina Forest Elementary, Ocean Bay Middle, and Carolina Forest High School.

Last weekend, the protests in our town were generally peaceful. After watching the ways police in other cities attacked peaceful protestors with tear gas and rubber bullets, I was afraid for the peaceful protestors in our town. However, there was **still** police violence at the protest. I saw a video where a young woman attempted to break through the police line in front of the police department, and she was brutally attacked by at LEAST 6 police officers. There was absolutely no need for this excessive use of force that ultimately led to this woman's hair being pulled out, her being beaten and forced onto the ground against her will. Again, part of the purpose of this protest was to bring to light police brutality in our country. At the protest in Myrtle Beach in front of the police house, at least 6 police officers used excessive force against a young woman. This is unacceptable. The police officers' violence is a testament to the violence police officers inflict upon the citizens they are sworn to protect every day.

I ask you go immediately initiate the policies from Campaign Zero, 8 Can't Wait (https://8cantwait.org/), that have been proven to reduce police violence. If you truly care about **all** the people of Myrtle Beach, you will not hesitate to implement these policies. Please, people's lives are at stake.

Additionally, I ask that you decrease police funding. Police in America were created to stop slaves from escaping, and unfortunately today, the police today target black individuals more than any other. There are better ways to spend the money of the taxpayers than to continue the violence against black bodies. Place money into community programs, schools, and emergency COVID funds. Please.

Sincerely,
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