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City Council Members,

I am writing to ask you to please consider establishing and funding a force of unarmed crisis responders. The allocation of $250,000 to remodel police lockers rooms at this time feels like a deeply uncaring move in direct opposition to what many leaders in marginalized communities are asking for to make Missoula a safe place for all citizens.

Although armed officers may be capable of responding to mental health crises, it seems like Missoula has an opportunity to lead the state in a better way of responding. There is more than one way, and as Missoula grows it needs to be making very conscious choices about what way it will go. Missoula is changing without a doubt, and I sincerely hope you make a choice to make Missoula a more welcoming, safe and just place for all Missoulians.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Stephanie