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Hello Council Members,

I am writing to ask you to please address the following concerns:

1. Missoula's local government should take accountability for the attack at the courthouse and acknowledge that BIPOC are still not safe in Missoula. Why were armed individuals allowed to threaten peaceful protest? Since the incident at the courthouse, BIPOC have been assaulted multiple times around Missoula.

2. Antiracism is a lived value, and Missoulians would like better answers from our city government about how they are participating in antiracism daily. I know many citizens are doing this in their own lives, but there is little chance of antiracism becoming a Missoula community value if our governmental structures are not addressing their own inherent biases. Our local government needs to actively search for how white supremacy shows up in our government. We already know systemic racism is present in Missoula, and we don’t need more BIPOC people to yet again tell their stories, to be retraumatized in that process, in order to say it yet again for the white people in local government.

3. Missoula needs action. We need to focus on changes to the systems of oppression in our own community. Focus on action will show constituents that Missoula's officials are committed to change. We need better social services, affordable housing, and programs to help those who are struggling.

Thank you for your work, thank you for listening, thank you for believing in Missoula enough to hold your positions and enact change to benefit Missoulians.