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To King County Law and Justice Committee,

I was just at the your meeting today and didn't have the opportunity to make a public comment on the youth council ordinance. I am a youth of color in King County. I showed up this morning to honor MiChance Gittens. I'm 19 this year. He was 17 in 2017 when he was killed by King County deputies. He's my age. He should be here today. In his honor, I support the youth right (especially for BIPOC who are disproportionately affected) to counsel because youth must have access to counsel to ensure they do not waive their rights because they are too scared to assert them – many youth are not taught their rights and are easily coerced. I demand no additional funding for the KC sheriff's office. For me and my youth siblings and our future children, I would like to thank you for passing this ordinance. We expect nothing less.

Thank you for your time,

Mira Thai