

More personalized messages are always better when possible because they show the target that a wide diversity of people care deeply and directly about the people, but quantity is important too. These scripts are intended as a starting point to make it as easy as possible for you to contact your elected officials about Cop City Hershey, and they'll work great on their own as long as you fill in the capitalized text in brackets [LIKE THIS] with customized information. Personalize them however you feel comfortable in order to make even more of an impact, especially if you have personal expertise or anecdotes to connect with the topic! We encourage you to contact the contractor's, your representatives, which can be found [here](#), as well as Governor Shapiro's office.

Phone script:

Hello, my name is [NAME] and I am your constituent in [TOWN OR ZIP CODE]. I'm calling today because I am concerned about Cop City Hershey, a.k.a the Pennsylvania State Police Academy & BESO Modernization. As a taxpayer, I am angry that this expensive project has been going on without any transparency or public oversight. Those hundreds of millions of dollars could have been used to help people in my community directly, and instead they're being wasted on training our state police for scenarios that are nothing like the real-life situations they are meant to serve in. The people want more accountability and alternative public safety strategies, not unprecedented militarization, unrestrained spending, and unrealistic training. I want you to take action to halt the construction of Cop City Hershey and end the unnecessary, corrupt, and unaccountable escalation of police capacities in our Commonwealth. **[If a contractor add this; I urge you to cancel your contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as this project does not reflect the democratic will of its residents.]**

(E)Mail Script:

Dear [REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME],

I am writing to you as your constituent living in [TOWN OR ZIP CODE]. **I am writing to express serious concerns about Cop City Hershey**, or the project more formally known as the Pennsylvania State Police Academy & BESO Modernization. This expensive project has been going on with almost no attention and even less oversight and represents an incredible **waste of taxpayer dollars**. You need to take responsibility and fight against this excess and injustice on behalf of all of us in [REPRESENTATIVE'S JURISDICTION - EG STATE HOUSE/SENATE DISTRICT].

The state first reported that this construction project would cost \$200-\$300 million, and now it's at \$387 million and counting. Despite the scale of these contracts, **no one has been able to find any state budget discussions or official act of legislation addressing the project**. We hear constantly about the struggle to find compromise in creating a state budget, and so many vital services go underfunded every year in the name of fiscal responsibility, so I find it shocking and offensive to all of us who pay taxes in Pennsylvania that these hundreds of millions of dollars can be conjured at will for the state police. Despite a persistent "hiring crisis" for police agencies, crime rates in Pennsylvania, including for violent offenses, have been steadily decreasing. When existing trends are showing positive improvements in crime prevention, it is hard to understand why the state is choosing to make such a profound investment on an ineffective form of policing.

As a Pennsylvanian, **the plans for Cop City Hershey do not make me feel any safer**. Our state police usually work in rural communities or on state highways with a long average response time, so it makes no sense to spend a huge amount of time and money training them for rapid response in urban areas, but that is exactly what Cop City Hershey is designed for. Recently, the Governor eliminated the college degree requirement for PA State Police to boost recruitment, despite the evidence that college-educated police are less likely to use lethal force. This is a huge step in the militarization of our police force with no clear justification. The money used for this project could be solving real problems with

transportation, housing and advancing safety through community justice throughout the commonwealth, but instead it is being wasted to turn former conservation land into facilities that are useless at best and frighteningly authoritarian at worst. **I urge you to take immediate action to halt the construction of Cop City Hershey and improve transparency and accountability for all spending on the Pennsylvania State Police.**

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[ANY PROFESSIONAL ROLE OR QUALIFICATIONS]

[TOWN OR ZIP CODE]

Governor Shapiro

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- **Costly to Taxpayers:** Originally quoted at \$200-300 million, the project is now projected to cost \$387 million, and the price tag keeps rising¹
- **Wasted Efforts:** This mock city is designed for the PA State Police to train for urban warfare - but they primarily work in small, rural communities
- **Lack of Accountability:** No public hearings were held for this project, and Gov. Shapiro has pushed for even less transparency and discussion of state police funding in the annual budget²

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- **Misguided Priorities:** The budget for this project *alone* is more than 10 times annual state funding for emergency management, firefighters, and emergency medical services⁴

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1 <https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/04/major-milestone-reached-for-387m-pa-state-police-academy-construction-project.html>

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