THE GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT OF 2020

Urgent Action Alert
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THE "GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT OF 2020" WOULD MANDATE LAW ENFORCEMENT REFORMS NATION-WIDE

Urge your Senators and your Representative TO SUPPORT COMPREHENSIVE POLICING REFORMS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE "GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT OF 2020"

THE ISSUE:

All across our nation, people are beginning to speak out about the horrors and brutality of law enforcement misconduct and the fact that people of color, disproportionately African Americans, are treated more harshly by law enforcement officers - often fatally. People are looking to our local, state, and Federal leaders for real change.

At the Federal level, our national Board of Directors on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, passed an Emergency Action Item in support of H.R. 7120, the "George Floyd Justice in Policing Act." This comprehensive bill was introduced in the U.S. House by the current Chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Karen Bass (CA) and the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Jerrold Nadler (NY) and in the Senate by Senators Kamila Harris (CA) and Cory Booker (NJ). Among other things, the legislation holds all law enforcement officials accountable for their actions, ends "qualified immunity" for police officers, ends racial and religious profiling, empowers our communities, establishes uniform policies for the use of force, mandates data collection on police encounters, bans chokeholds and "no knock" warrants, limits military equipment on American streets, requires body-worn cameras and classifies lynching as a hate crime, therefore making it open to Federal resources for investigations and prosecutions.

Senator Tim Scott (SC) has, on behalf of the current Senate leadership, introduced the "Justice Act," which he says is an alternative to the "George Floyd Justice in Policing Act," and President Trump issued an Executive Order on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 which he said took "unprecedented steps to strengthen relations between law enforcement and their communities," the NAACP finds both the Senate bill and President Trump's Executive Order to be lacking. A side-by-side comparison of the "George Floyd Justice in Policing Act," the "Justice Act ", and President Trump's Executive Order is attached. You are strongly encouraged to review this important document.

While enactment of the “George Floyd Justice in Policing Act” is not going to solve all of our problems, it is a necessary first step to end brutality and save American lives.

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TAKE ACTION

Contact your Representative and both your U.S. Senators and **URGE THEM TO SUPPORT ALL OF THE AGGRESSIVE REFORMS CONTAINED IN THE GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT.** To Contact your Senators and Representative, you may:

**MAKE A PHONE CALL**

Call your Senators and your Representative in Washington by dialing the Capitol Switchboard and asking to be transferred to your Senators'/Congressman’s offices. The switchboard phone number is (202) 224-3121 (see message section, below).

**SEND AN EMAIL**

To send an email to your Representative, go to "www.house.gov", and on the home page click “Representatives”. This will allow you to click your Representative link either by state or by name. Click on your Representative and you will be directed to his / her web page, which will have instructions on how to send an e-mail. The homepage of "www.house.gov" also has a tool to help you identify who your Representative is.

To send an e-mail to your Senators, go to www.senate.gov and click on “Contact” under “Senators.” You can look up your Senators by name or state; go to their web sites to send an e-mail.

**WRITE A LETTER**

To write letters to your Senators, send them to:

The Honorable (name of Senator)
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

To write a letter to your Representative, send it to:

The Honorable (name of Representative)
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

**REMEMBER TO CONTACT BOTH YOUR SENATORS!**

**THE MESSAGE**

- We need aggressive, comprehensive actions and new policies to stop police misconduct and unnecessary law enforcement brutality and murder that is too often focused on African American communities and others;

- We must have policies which hold law enforcement officers accountable for their behavior towards all of the communities they are sworn to protect and serve;

- In order to build the necessary trust between law enforcement officers and communities, which is so vital, we must establish comprehensive, uniform policies and procedures to provide guidance and accountability to protect all Americans;

- While the "George Floyd Justice in Policing Act" will not resolve all of our nation's policing problems, it is a very necessary first step.

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The Honorable ______________________________
United States Senate / House of Representatives Washington,
D.C. 20510 / 20515

RE: THE DIRE NEED FOR COMPREHENSIVE POLICE REFORM

Dear Senator / Representative___________________________

As your constituent, I strongly urge you to do all you can to enact comprehensive and effective police reform. Specifically, I support the “George Floyd Justice in Policing Act,” H.R. 7120 in the House of Representatives and S. 3912 in the U.S. Senate. This legislation will go a far way in the much-needed reformation of policing practices in our communities. Although by itself it will not resolve all of our problems, it is an integral, and much needed, piece of the puzzle. The United States of America needs to start somewhere, and the enactment of the policies in, the “George Floyd Justice in Policing Act" is an aggressive, inspired, and necessary step we as a nation must take.

Extensive, inexcusable police misconduct, brutality, and murder often against unarmed Africans Americans and others have plagued our communities for too long. We need a comprehensive response such as the "George Floyd Justice in Policing Act." Specifically, among other things, we need legislation that holds all law enforcement officials accountable for their actions, ends "qualified immunity for police officers, ends racial and religious profiling, empowers our communities, establishes uniform policies for the use of force, mandates data collection on police encounters, bans chokeholds and "no knock" warrants, limits military equipment on American streets, requires body-worn cameras and classifies lynching as a hate crime, therefore making it open to Federal resources for investigations and prosecutions.

In the name of basic morality and in the memory of all who have needlessly suffered, and died, needlessly, please support the most aggressive, clear-cut, policing reforms available. I look forward to hearing back from you soon on where you stand on this problem, and what more I can do to help you combat this problem.

Sincerely,

(sign and print your name and remember to include your address)

Remember to contact your Representative and BOTH your Senators.

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Side-By-Side Comparison of the House “George Floyd Justice in Policing Act” vs Senate “Justice Act” vs “President Trump’s Executive Order”

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*Executive Orders do not have the force of law and may be withdrawn by any Administration
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2: limits funding to states unless provide reports on use of no-knock warrants
3: registry not publicly available and does not include all complaints and other data
4: does not require comprehensive data on use of force, limited to deadly use of force as defined in the bill
5: grants to require training on duty to intervene
6: state grants for body cameras but no federal requirement