

February 12, 2023

The Hon	Senator	Senator
U.S. House of Representatives	United States Senate	United States Senate
The Capitol	The Capitol	The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510	Washington, DC 20510	Washington, DC 20510

## **RE: Please Pass Meaningful Police Reform Legislation**

Dear Members of Congress,

As a person of faith and your constituent, I'm writing with horror and dismay in response to the killing of Tyre Nichols. I urge you to introduce and support legislation like the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act that was last introduced in 2021. This legislation would ban chokeholds, establish community oversights, and adopt federal policing standards for police departments across the United States. These specific policies would not only change the ways in which police departments operate on a day-to-day basis but would also ensure that excessive force by police is properly dealt with by the community and that specific officers are held accountable for their actions.

Furthermore, police departments with high rates of incidents would then be investigated by federal authorities to enforce positive policy changes. These changes would help to bring about an end to police misuse of force, which heavily impacts people of color across the nation.

My faith community professes and advocates for the dignity of all people. Enacting these reforms is one part of addressing systemic racism, providing long-overdue protections to all of our neighborhoods, and ensuring that we live in a society that recognizes and values all of God's children.

Thank you for your consideration, (Print Name)\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_