

Congress Must Pass Police Reform Legislation

We urge every member of Congress to take swift action in response to ongoing racist police killings and other violence against Black people across our country. Although much of the work to address police violence needs to be done at the local and state level, federal legislation is also urgently needed.

We call on the 117th Congress to swiftly pass the meaningful police reform that was included in the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act in 2020. This bold, transformative legislation will assist police departments in changing the culture of policing, raising the standards of the profession, and holding officers accountable.

We see an urgent need for legislation to protect Black communities from the systemic perils of over-policing, police brutality, misconduct, and harassment. Now is the time to end the impunity in which officers operate when taking the lives of Black people.

Any legislation approved by Congress should:

- » **Prohibit federal, state, and local law enforcement from racial, religious, and discriminatory profiling.** Mandate training and require data collection.
- » **Raise the use of force standard** to prevent police officers from using lethal force unless all non-lethal methods have been exhausted. Require the use of de-escalation techniques.
- » **Ban chokeholds and no-knock warrants.** Furthermore, condition law enforcement funding for state and local governments on the banning of both chokeholds and no-knock warrants.
- » **Limit the transfer of military-grade equipment (1033 Program) to state and local law enforcement.**

Co-sponsor and pass the meaningful reforms included in the Justice in Policing Act of 2020.

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