

Dear Police Transparency and Accountability Task Force,

Black Americans want and deserve the very same thing white Americans want - safe neighborhoods. This is why I'm deeply disappointed in the recently passed "Police Accountability" bill. This legislation hurts black communities because it hurts the police, the very people who at great risk to themselves, serve and protect the communities they work in.

I understand and share the emotions and outrage at the recent death of George Floyd. By all appearances, it looks to be unjustified murder. I pray his killer(s), if found guilty in a legal/proper trial, receive the due penalty for their crimes. But let us not let our emotions and outrage cloud our judgement about how to best provide safety and security to our communities - properly funding and equipping our police!

The media (both main-stream/traditional and social media) wants us to believe there is an epidemic of "police-on-unarmed-black-civilian" killings. But the data does not support this narrative.

In fact, America was making real, measurable *progress* in significantly reducing the number of all fatal "police-on-civilian" shootings, most especially unarmed black victims. The number of 2019 unarmed Black shooting victims was down 63% from 2015

https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/investigations/police-shootings-database/?itid=lk_inline_manual_5



But all that progress has been swiftly wiped out over the last several months. These urban, black communities are now left with skyrocketing crime and way more death/destruction than they ever experienced before the emotional and outraged mobs starting "helping" by de-funding and dis-banding our much-needed police.

81% of black Americans want the same or more police presence in their communities! Let's start listening to them.

https://news.gallup.com/poll/316571/black-americans-police-retain-local-presence.aspx?utm_source=tagrss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=syndication



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I'm no denier ... Racism is real. White supremacists still exist. I abhor both. So let's stop impeding the police, so they can get back to the business of making black communities safer. If we love our black neighbors, this has to be our first priority.

I strongly oppose any further "anti-police" legislation and hope we can somehow reform/modify what's already been passed.

Thank you for considering my input.

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