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President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris:

The undersigned 90 organizations and 4,631 individuals (see enclosed) are writing to call on you to drop the more than 350 federal cases brought against by Black Lives Matter protesters by the previous administration. The historic demonstrations in response to the police murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor have continued an important conversation about the impact of white supremacy and police brutality on Black people in the United States. Across the country in communities large and small, millions of people put their lives on the line during the COVID-19 pandemic to demand an end to institutional racism and police violence.

Many of the cases brought by former Attorney General William Barr, under the direction of President Donald J. Trump, amount to little more than prosecutorial overreach and are not a matter of protecting public safety. These prosecutions were intended to stifle dissent and protect white supremacy. Maintaining and advancing these prosecutions in federal court under your administration would amount to little more than perpetuating the racism that you repeatedly spoke out against on the campaign trail and during your confirmation hearings, respectively.

It is essential that your administration, including the Department of Justice, take expedient action to dismiss the federal charges against all Black Lives Matter protesters.

To discuss this further, please contact communications@nlg.org or write to us at National Lawyers Guild, PO Box 1266, New York, NY 10009-8941.

Sincerely,

1 Million Madly Motivated Moms
Advocating Opportunity
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
African Communities Together
Bergen County Green Party

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Bergen County Immigration Strategy Group
Big "W" Hobbies
Black and Brown United in Action
Black Liberation Fund
Black Lives Matter Boise
Brooklyn Community Bail Fund
Campaign to Bring Mumia Home
Capital District Coalition Against Islamophobia, Albany NY
Center for Constitutional Rights
Chicago Community Bond Fund
Civil Liberties Defense Center
CODEPINK
Colorado Freedom Fund
Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF)
Community Hotline for Incarcerated People (CHIP)
Community Justice Exchange - National Bail Fund Network
Craven County Community Bail Fund
Defending Rights & Dissent
Detroit Justice Center
Detroit Will Breathe
Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps
Drop The Charges Coalition
Emergency Release Fund
Freedom Network USA
Food Chain Workers Alliance
Fund for Community Reparations for Autistic People of Color's Interdependence, Survival, & Empowerment
Granny Peace Brigade
Grassroots Leadership
Greenpeace USA
Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice
Hawai'i Community Bail Fund
Incarcerated Nation Network
Jailbreak PGH
Jailhouse Lawyers Speak
Jewish Voice for Peace Action
Justice Action Center
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Las Vegas Peace & Justice Center
Louisiana Advocates for Immigrants in Detention
Massachusetts Bail Fund
Michigan Solidarity Bail Fund
Milwaukee Freedom Fund
Movement Law Lab
Movement Media
Muslim Solidarity Committee, Albany NY
Nation Inside
National Advocates For Pregnant Women
National Conference of Black Lawyers
National Lawyers Guild
National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild
NC Community Bail Fund Of Durham
No Detention Centers in Michigan
NorCal Resist
Northwest Community Bail Fund
Occupy Bergen County
Palestine Legal
Partners for Dignity & Rights
People's Strike Bay Area
PM Press
Positive Women's Network - USA
Prairiелands Freedom Fund
Project South
Protect the Protest
Reale Justice Network
Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES)
Richmond Community Bail Fund
Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights
Safety Net Project of the Urban Justice Center
Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network
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Unidad Latina en Acción
UnLocal
Wall of Women
Water Protector Legal Collective
WESPAC Foundation, Inc.
Women Against War
Working Narratives

CC: Attorney General Merrick Garland

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