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## **National Lawyers Guild-Massachusetts Chapter Supports & Stand in Solidarity with Protesters Against Police Brutality**

The Massachusetts Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild stands strongly in support and solidarity with everyone across the nation protesting and demanding justice for the recent murders of Black folks by police.

George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Tony McDade are only the most recent cases in a long list of killings by police being protested, which highlight the fact that police brutality and militarization are only a symptom of the deep seeded racism and oppression that plagues every one of our social systems and constructs.

White supremacy and systemic racism are public health emergencies that need to be addressed with all resources available. As an organization, NLG-MA pledges to continue uplifting the voices of Black community members and Black activists that have been screaming out for support long before these tragedies - which has been a goal of our organization since our inception.

NLG-MA pledges to continue providing support to community members who are working tirelessly – amidst their own exhaustion and pain – to bring resources away from systems of state sponsored violence and oppression, and into the communities full of people who mourn the human losses.

We will continue to provide legal support and assistance to the protestors who choose to exercise their Constitutional rights to speak out against injustice.

We will continue to be present at protests as Legal Observers and participants, and to keep watch over the interactions between protestors and police.

From the Boston Police Department's BRIC system and gang database that keep police a constant presence in our Black communities – to the killings of Terrence Coleman and Denis Reynoso – to the tragedies we see take place on a national scale – Our oppressions and struggles for freedom are all wrapped up in each other. Not one is free until all are free.

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**"... to the ends that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests."**

*- Preamble to the Constitution of the National Lawyers Guild, 1937*