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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force, Inc.
Condemns the Continued Deadly Police Violence
Against Americans of Color and Calls for
Enactment of the George Floyd Justice in Policing
Act of 2021

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----- The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force of Southfield, Michigan condemns the

continued killing of African Americans at the hands of police officer who are sworn to protect and serve our communities. On April 20, 2021, a jury found former police officer Derek Chauvin guilty of Second-Degree Murder, Third Degree Murder and Second-Degree Manslaughter in the homicide of George Floyd. However, this was only the first step in a process to assure justice for all Americans, including African Americans. Since the trial of Derek Chauvin, dozens of citizens of color have been killed by police. The very day that the trial began, 13-year-old Adam Toledo was shot and killed by police in Chicago. Then on April 11, 2021, Daunte Wright, a 20-year-old African American was shot and killed ten miles outside Minneapolis where the Chauvin trial was occurring. Dr. Martin Luther King stated: “. . .We are not and will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream.” We must work for justice for all until all human beings are treated with dignity.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force, Inc. is an all-volunteer grassroots civic organization. Its mission and purpose is to celebrate the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to accept the challenges to work to make real the promise of America as a land of freedom, equality, opportunity, and brotherhood, and to commit to plan observances to remind us of his philosophy of non-violent actions for creating positive social change. We are a civic and advocacy organization guided by the works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to facilitate social change, the education of our youth and to promote justice.

Faira Glenn, President of the Martin Luther King Task Force, MI stated that the organization applauds the work of Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison and the legal team assembled to prosecute the case against former officer Derek Chauvin.

As the trial was occurring we witnessed the shooting of 20 year old Daunte Wright and other policing inequities such as the degrading manner that US Army Lt. Caron Nazario was treated in a traffic stop.

“We call upon the Senate to pass H.R. 1280, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021 as passed by the House of Representatives without delay.” “We know that the conviction will not bring back the life of George Floyd, but we hope and pray that the Floyd family feels some measure of justice in the guilty verdicts.”

Barbara Talley, Founder of the Dr. Martin Luther King Task Force, stated that the organization will continue to speak out and continue to take action on acts of discrimination.

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