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Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey  
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**RE: Interfaith Leaders Outraged at the Racist Murder of George Floyd**

Dear Mayor Frey,

We, the members of the Kingston Interfaith Council find the disgusting act of white violence exerted by the Minneapolis police a matter of grave concern. We are writing to demand accountability for the racist murder of George Floyd.

"I can't breathe." These words are all too familiar, the last gasps of men of color, such as Eric Gardner and now, George Floyd, begging for their life under the physical and psychological weight of white supremacy, racism, and the excessive, life-killing force of police. For 7 minutes bystanders called upon the officers to let up. They would not.

**We thank you for calling this what it is - murder.**

We call upon you to **invest in community programs** that will help to reduce the amount of violence in Minneapolis. In addition to full accountability of the police officers involved, we demand that the entire Minneapolis Police Union take part in **mandatory Anti-Bias and Un-doing Racism trainings** so that they can come to recognize their complicity in a system that overtly and covertly perpetuates white supremacy, and actively work to un-do it.

George Floyd should be alive today. It is our collective responsibility to provide support towards community efforts in order to prevent this racist brutality and violence from ever happening in the future.

Sincerely,

The Kingston Interfaith Council

*The Kingston Interfaith Council (KIC) is a gathering of over 50 religious and spiritual leaders who provide a collective moral response to the concerns of our community in the Kingston, NY area. We join together in actions that promote interreligious understanding, social justice, and community.*