

The National Lawyers Guild and the American Constitution Society stand with the Black community in their efforts to dismantle the systemic racism and patterns of police brutality that have plagued Black individuals for centuries in this nation. We recognize that the Constitution has oftentimes been used as a tool to oppress Black people in the courtroom and in society. We call on our local leaders to condemn racism, police brutality, and the corrupt criminal justice system. We demand that they enact policies that address the issues of mass incarceration, police brutality, and disenfranchisement.

The Rutgers Camden NLG and ACS chapters will continue to provide resources and support to community protests to ensure the safety and the rights of the protesters and their message. We urge that those who are able to become legal observers do so, and everyone should document the actions of police with video or writing to ensure that the right to be heard is protected. We urge that those who are able to donate to bail funds or other resources do so, and everyone should be sure to make their voices heard. The situation in Philadelphia and Camden is rapidly changing, and we want to extend our support with information for bail funds and legal aid.

In times when elected leadership fails us, the will of the people becomes essential in order to document the atrocities violently affecting the Black community. These horrific scenes play out daily in this country and have been largely ignored by those in positions of privilege and power. It is our duty as informed citizens to exercise our collective rights in defense of our country's most vulnerable.

Know your rights. Law for the people.

In solidarity,

Rutgers NLG, Rutgers ACS

NLG-NJ Hotline: 908-818-0002

Up Against the Law Legal Collective Arrest Hotline: 484-758-0388

Template letter to send to representatives to assist in making officers accountable.

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