

To the Rutgers Community,

On May 25, 2020, a 46-year-old Black man named George Floyd was murdered by the Minneapolis Police Department after an officer held his knee on Floyd's neck for eight minutes and 46 seconds. Many of us are deeply troubled by this tragedy and the many others that have taken place recently. We also are troubled by the subsequent attacks, and demonization of those who are calling for justice for Floyd and his loved ones.

The Rutgers Law chapter of Street Law is joining the global call for justice for George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, David McAtee, and all of the other victims of discrimination, racism, and systemic police violence. We commit ourselves to fight injustice and contribute to a more inclusive and welcoming society in Newark. We will no longer passively condemn these senseless acts of murder. We can no longer sit on the sidelines while our friends are persecuted by coercive and unjust institutions. We are committed to making real change. We stand in solidarity with the Association of Black Law Students, the city of Newark, and the global community calling for justice and fair treatment, as it is everyone's fight.

Street Law aims to advance justice through classroom and community education programs that empower people with legal and civic knowledge, skills, and confidence to bring about positive change for themselves and their communities. It is still our responsibility to not only continue to educate the community but also to make sure we are playing our part in practicing what we preach by educating ourselves. As a student organization, we wholeheartedly and unequivocally support this movement and stand alongside the Black community.

It is our hope that the discussions and demonstrations sparked by Floyd's murder will be a catalyst for broader political conversations that address these issues and create meaningful community and institutional reform. We can do better, and with collective action, we will do better.

In solidarity,

Street Law