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Congressional Hispanic Caucus Endorses George Floyd Justice in Policing Act

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SAN ANTONIO, TX — The Congressional Hispanic Caucus is proud to endorse the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. This Thursday, led by the Congressional Black Caucus, House Democrats will pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act: bold, unprecedented reforms to combat police brutality, curb racial profiling and eliminate qualified immunity for law enforcement. This legislation will transform the culture of policing to address systemic racism and help save lives as it increases transparency and holds police accountable.

“Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus are proud to vote in solidarity with colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus and we will pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act this week,” **said Congressman Joaquin Castro (TX-20), Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.** “From banning choke holds and stopping no knock warrants to ending qualified immunity and mandating data collection, this bill will establish new standards for policing and root out racial injustice.”

“The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act is the right first step in reforming law enforcement but also empowering our community to reimagine public safety in an equitable and just way. On behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, I commend my colleagues of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus for endorsing this bold reform to curb police brutality, end racial profiling and eliminate qualified immunity. The issue of police brutality has impacted Black and Hispanic communities for years and this is just one of several issues of importance for our communities, which we have come together in solidarity on. At what point do we say, “enough is enough?” That point is now. Many families have been robbed of their loved ones at the hands of police brutality. Just last week 18-year-old Andres Guardado, a security guard, was killed by a police officer during his patrol at an auto repair shop. At a time where protesters are demanding for real reform in our law enforcement, we as lawmakers must respond with real change,” **said Congresswoman Karen Bass (CA-37), Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.**

“Police brutality affects both Black and Latino communities and together we’re confident we can overcome this long-standing injustice. This historic legislation is named for George Floyd—he’s changed the world—and he represents far too many people of color who have been killed by the police including Latinos such as Andres Guardado, Mike Ramos, Antonio Arce, Alejandro Nieto, and sadly many more,” **stated Chairman Castro.**

“The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act is a stark contrast to President Trump’s weak Executive Order and Senate Republicans’ toothless proposal, which both fall short of what is required to overcome the crises of racial injustice and police brutality. We need meaningful and enforceable national accountability standards to end police misconduct,” **added Chairman Castro.** This is a moment for bold action, not empty rhetoric—we must respond with real solutions to the anguish in our communities.”

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