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March 2, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
1236 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
2468 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), I write to express our strong support for the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021 ([H.R. 1280](#)). We believe that this bold, comprehensive approach will hold police accountable, change the culture of law enforcement, and help restore and build trust between law enforcement and our communities.

LACCD is one of the largest, most diverse districts in the country serving over 225,000 students annually. Today, 85 percent of LACCD students are from underserved, under-resourced communities and the majority are first-generation, students of color. We value the critical role of law enforcement, but far too many of our students, faculty and staff have encountered negative experiences with the police and police violence. Now is the time for change. We must work towards a system that ends police violence and mistrust, creates accountability, and increases transparency.

By mandating the use of body cameras nationwide, limiting federal transfers of military-style weapons to local police, banning military-style weapons for police and creating a national database disclosing the names of officers with patterns of abuse, our nation will take important steps to transforming our public safety system and restoring public confidence. Further, the bill establishes a needed federal ban on chokeholds, while incentivizing states to do the same. These reforms are crucial and long-overdue to remedy law enforcement injustices.

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Now is the time to restore accountability and public trust, and to make critical, lasting structural change in the nation's public safety system. We urge you to pass this legislation when it comes to the floor this week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. C. Rodriguez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Los Angeles Community College District