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The National Alliance Applauds the Justice in Policing Act

Nina Rees, President and CEO of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, released the following statement:

“We applaud Representative Karen Bass (D-CA), Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ), and Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA), along with 164 other House Members and 33 other Senators, who introduced the Justice in Policing Act of 2020.

The Justice in Policing Act is a comprehensive effort to change the overly aggressive law enforcement practices that persist and are sanctioned in this country. This sweeping

legislation proposes common-sense steps to achieve long-lasting, structural change to stop the ongoing practice of police brutality and racial injustice, including banning chokeholds, ending racial profiling, establishing a National Police Misconduct Registry, and demilitarizing the police.

The pattern of unarmed and nonviolent black people in America being killed at the hands of law enforcement is impossible to ignore. The National Alliance for Public Charter Schools condemns this behavior. The students and families we serve are disproportionately represented in the very communities where these patterns persist. Their lives matter. And we believe legislation that protects them is long overdue.

We look forward to working with Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) on his legislation and appreciate his support for many of these measures."

About Public Charter Schools

Public charter schools are independent, public, and tuition-free schools that are given the freedom to be more innovative while being held accountable for advancing student achievement. Since 2010, many research studies have found that students in charter schools do better in school than their traditional school peers. For example, one study by the Center for Research on Education Outcomes at Stanford University found that charter schools do a better job teaching low income students, minority students, and students who are still learning English than traditional schools. Separate studies by the Center on Reinventing Public Education and Mathematica Policy Research have found that charter school students are more likely to graduate from high school, go on to college, stay in college and have higher earnings in early adulthood.

About the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

The National Alliance for Public Charter Schools is the leading national nonprofit organization committed to advancing the public charter school movement. Our mission is to lead public education to unprecedented levels of academic achievement by fostering a strong charter sector. For more information, please visit www.publiccharters.org



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