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### **Justice in Policing Act of 2020 (H.R. 7120 / S. 3912)**

The Justice in Policing Act of 2020 (H.R. 7120 / S. 3912) was introduced on June 8, 2020. It was led by Congressional Black Caucus Chair Representative Karen Bass (D-CA 37), Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ), Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA), and Representative Jerrold Nadler (D-NY 17). This is a major step toward racial justice and accountability for law enforcement. The legislation has strong Democratic support in both the House and Senate however, not one Republican had signed on to co-sponsor this important legislation at the time of its introduction. With 165 original co-sponsors in the House and 35 original co-sponsors in the Senate, it is extremely important that everyone is on board to support this crucial effort towards justice.

There is a dire need to change the current culture of policing in our communities across the United States. The aftershock of current cataclysmic events by police officers has caused much suffering, pain, and death. Effective change can only be accomplished with bipartisan support. Please support this effort by contacting your federal elected officials, imploring them to co-sponsor this important legislation and vote for its passage. You can find your federal elected officials by using the following link: [https://ballotpedia.org/Who\\_represents\\_me](https://ballotpedia.org/Who_represents_me). Following are the key provisions of the Justice in Policing Act of 2020.

- Prohibits federal, state, and local law enforcement from racial, religious, and discriminatory profiling, and mandates training on racial, religious, and discriminatory profiling for all law enforcement.
- Bans chokeholds, carotid holds, and no-knock warrants at the federal level and limits the transfer of military-grade equipment to state and local law enforcement.
- Mandates the use of dashboard cameras and body cameras for federal offices and requires state and local law enforcement to use existing federal funds to ensure the use of police body cameras.
- Establishes a National Police Misconduct Registry to prevent problematic officers who are fired or leave on agency from moving to another jurisdiction without any accountability.
- Amends federal criminal statute from “willfulness” to a “recklessness” standard to successfully identify and prosecute police misconduct.
- Reforms qualified immunity so that individuals are not barred from recovering damages when police violate their constitutional rights.

- Establishes public safety innovation grants for community-based organizations to create local commissions and task forces to help communities to re-imagine and develop concrete, just, and equitable public safety approaches.
- Creates law enforcement development and training programs to develop best practices and requires the creation of law enforcement accreditation standard recommendations based on President Obama's Taskforce on 21st century policing.
- Requires state and local law enforcement agencies to report the use of force data, disaggregated by race, sex, disability, religion, age.
- Improves the use of pattern and practice investigations at the federal level by granting the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division subpoena power and creates a grant program for state attorneys general to develop authority to conduct independent investigations into problematic police departments.
- Establishes a Department of Justice task force to coordinate the investigation, prosecution, and enforcement efforts of federal, state, and local governments in cases related to law enforcement misconduct.

Let your voices be heard. Now is not the time to be silent. It is past time for comprehensive change in law enforcement and community relations. We must never forget the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., ***“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”***.