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Police Brutality Matters, LLC Calls on Representatives to Act

Once again, our country is in turmoil because another citizen is dead at the hands of police. We, at Police Brutality Matters, believe that a consistent and systematic lack of accountability allows these incidents to continue to happen. Instead of following proper policy and procedures, young officers are told, "forget everything you've learned in the academy. This is how we do it on the streets."

Citizens are intimidated, assaulted and murdered by those sworn to protect and serve its community. Some officers have the mindset to reject "innocent until proven guilty" while ignoring due process. While rogue officers are a minority in the law enforcement community, their actions have taken an almost immeasurable toll on the community.

Every community has seen their fair share of police brutality and police misconduct, but the poor community has experienced the greatest amount of police brutality versus any other community. And within the poor community, we have witnessed a disproportionate amount of excessive force towards black and brown people versus their white brothers and sisters.

On rare occasions, when an officer's misdeeds do see the courtroom, the prosecutors and grand juries either do not convict or have minimized the punishment given to officers. And when these bad officers are not held accountable, public trust is broken and good officers are put at risk.

This broken system of checks and balances is past the point of being completely unacceptable. Every citizen is entitled to due process. This is America! Officers are not judge, jury and executioner! Protesting is just not enough. Something must be done, now! The time for action is now!! Our representatives must act immediately!

This is the framework and draft for a legislative reform – Bad Cop Bill

We petition that the following legislative framework be used to pass a Bad Cop Bill in each state and at the federal level:

The implementation of PBM4Change Police Reform

Introduced by Police Brutality Matters, LLC and referred to the United States Senate and the United States Congress and the legislatures of the several States.

The People of the United States of America, represented in the Senate and the House of Representatives, and by the legislatures of the several states in their various jurisdictions, petition that our respective representatives:

Section 1. Oversight

1. Establish an independent division headed by the Department of Justice charged with working with the States in investigating police related shooting deaths in the United States and other acts of excessive force relating to police contact with civilians.
2. Create an independent crime scene investigative division that is solely responsible for maintaining crime scene integrity and protecting human rights as it relates to all police shootings.
3. Establish and maintain a criminal justice database system relating to police behavior involving a use of force analysis of law enforcement activities and enact transparency laws to make such information available to the public upon request.
4. Assign, through the Department of Justice/State Governors, a team of special prosecutors trained solely on how to prosecute law enforcement officers on ALL police related deaths and/or excessive police brutality and/or excessive force cases involving citizens.
5. Create an independent use of force assessment team to evaluate if the proper force used by members of law enforcement is justified or not. The panel should consist of current and former judges, attorneys, professors, experts in the field of police training, criminal law, psychology, sociology and other areas of expertise and members of the community who will offer credence to the problems involving policing and human interaction.

Section 2. Professional Accountability and Training

6. Require, during officers mandatory In-Service training, all sworn personnel to complete a psychological evaluation as a condition of their continued recertification.
7. Require all individuals practicing law enforcement to obtain liability insurance and maintain such insurance for the duration of employment as a condition to practice law enforcement. Mandate that each law enforcement officer be required to purchase his or her own active policy with premiums based upon an individual's work conduct and history.

Section 3. Prosecution and Minimum Mandatory Sentencing

8. If a member of any law enforcement agency commits a crime including assault while in the performance of his/her duties, hold such member accountable for his/her conduct and charge such member according to federal and state law and punish such member with a mandatory minimum jail sentence established by the legislative branch.

9. If any law enforcement officer who witnesses another officer commit any crime including assault while in the performance of his/her duties and fails to act, consider such officer an accessory and hold him/her liable as the original officer who committed the criminal act and punish such officer with a mandatory minimum jail sentence established by the legislative branch.

10. If any law enforcement officer who engages in behavior such as lying under oath, providing false statements (written or verbal), to any local, state or federal court system, including any administrative hearings from any local, state, or federal municipality, who is found guilty of such offense, punish such officer with a mandatory minimum jail sentence established by the legislative branch.

11. If any officer of the court, prosecutor, law enforcement officer, including any and all police officials/members of the sheriff's office and/or witness in any case within any court in these United States, who withholds and/or omits any evidence that can exonerate anyone standing trial who is found guilty of such offense, punish him/her with a mandatory minimum jail sentence established by the legislative branch.

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Police Brutality Matters, LLC's mission is to hold bad cops accountable while continuing to support good police officers. We endeavor to bring in-depth awareness to bad policing and police misconduct by educating the public through police training, police policy and procedures. We hope to change the narrative on police brutality and police misconduct while bridging the gap between the community and law enforcement.

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