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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MCC Condemns the Senseless Shooting of Jacob Blake

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In broad daylight on August 23, 2020, a police officer shot Jacob Blake, a 29-year-old Black man, in the back seven times in Kenosha, Wisconsin leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. Mr. Blake's three young children witnessed this horrific act of violence, as they watched from the back seat of Mr. Blake's vehicle.

We, the members of the Muslim Community Center, are outraged and deeply saddened by yet another instance of police brutality and attempted murder against a Black life. Our hearts go out to Jacob Blake and his family, and we are praying for his recovery.

Prophet Muhammad's (may peace and blessings be upon him) said in his last sermon *"An Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor does a non-Arab have any superiority over an Arab: also, white has no superiority over black nor does black have any superiority over white except by piety and good action."* We as a community strive to live by these words.

We condemn this act of police brutality and blatant disregard for the safety and lives of those the Kenosha police are sworn to protect. This act of violence is another painful example of why, as a nation, we must take meaningful actions to eradicate police brutality, systemic racism, and injustices against the Black community. Our work starts here in our own community to help develop an antiracist mindset and to be involved in the dismantling of structural racism.

The list of Black lives lost to police violence continues to grow. As Muslims, we MUST raise our voices and take action. As Muslims, ALL OF US MUST demand justice, equity, and accountability for Black lives.

The Muslim Community Center sends our dua'a to the Blake family as Mr. Blake's father requested this past Friday. If you would like to donate to the "Justice for Jacob Blake"

GoFundMe, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/justiceforjacobblake>

NOTE: This link was verified to us directly by one of Mr. Blake's family members so it is authentic. Please be aware there are many scam links as being circulated as well.

MCC's mission is to promote brotherhood and human dignity among all by developing an environment of understanding, compassion, and justice in our personal and professional lives. We strive to serve the needs of the Muslim community and community at large in a manner that promotes its positive image and standing in a changing environment. We aim to represent the Muslim community in interfaith circles, in government, public and media relations, and in the society at large.

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