

Third Way's Statement in Support of the Justice in Policing Act of 2020

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WASHINGTON—Third Way released the following statement from Lanae Erickson, Senior Vice President for Social Policy & Politics:

“Deeply ingrained systemic racism and bad public policy have led to countless police-involved killings of African Americans and other people of color in this country. After the murder of George Floyd, this persistent injustice has driven people onto the streets of almost every American city in pain and anger, demanding change. Big, real, impactful change. They must not be made to wait any longer.

“That’s why it is so important that Members of Congress have introduced the *Justice in Policing Act of 2020*. We need a complete reimagining of policing in America to ensure every person in our country feels safe and protected by the law enforcement in their community.

“The *Justice in Policing Act* can begin that process at the federal level, while communities bravely push for the necessary changes at the state and local levels. The task ahead is large, and change will require that the public, and all of us, keep up the pressure on elected officials to be brave and principled. This moment demands progress, and this bill is an important step forward. Congress should act to pass it right away. We cannot ask people of color in this country to wait, and endure more killings, before they see reforms.”

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