

**\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\* Exhale**

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**FOR CONGRESS**

Dear Steve,

Like many folks in the country, I waited anxiously for the verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial for the murder of George Floyd. As the clock neared 5:00 pm, I felt a lump form in the base of my throat from nervousness. As someone who still remembers where I was in 1992 when the Rodney King verdict was announced and remembers exactly where I was 20 years later in 2013 when the Trayvon Martin verdict was announced, I couldn't allow myself to be fully hopeful that this verdict would be different. When the guilty verdict was announced, I **exhaled**. I said words of thanks and then cried as I thought about Trayvon Martin, Sandra Bland, Tamir Rice, Breonna Taylor, and the many others whose deaths didn't result in a guilty charge.

Hopeful was how I felt after attending peaceful protests and marches with diverse folks after George Floyd's murder last year. The guilty verdict is a sign that my hope has some validation though we continue to see too many unarmed Black people killed by police. There must be legislative action as well. **We must urge our US Senate to pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act NOW.** When passed, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act will enact a national ban on chokeholds and no-knock warrants and establish a National Police Misconduct Registry to ensure that bad policing is held accountable. These are essential first steps to improve safety in our communities and build trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. We must lift up our voices to demand that this bill is passed by calling our senators TODAY. You can call the Senate switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask for the Senator from your home state.

In his statement yesterday, President Obama said, "if we're being honest with ourselves, we know that true justice is about much more than a single verdict in a single trial." This verdict isn't the end, but it is an important step towards equality in our country. I continue to stay hopeful based on the new allies we've gained since the unfortunate day on May 25, 2020 when North Carolina native son, George Floyd, was murdered by a police officer. If our allies continue to stand with us and demand accountability and change, we will continue our march towards true justice and continue to exhale.

Warm Regards,  
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