

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing to express my support for the Resolution Supporting the Abolition of Policing. I have been watching the thread on the NLG Mass Defense listserv develop throughout the day, and am moved to write about my support because of the lack of faith in movement building, humanity, and lack of imagination required to bring about a world without police that many of our colleagues are displaying.

I am not a criminal defense attorney, and my perspective is limited as a white-passing Latinx person. But I have been following Black womxn throughout the course of my anti-racism and anti-capitalist work, and these leaders are calling for nothing less than complete abolition of policing and prisons. We live in systems that depend on the very existence of policing and prisons. To make compromises in order to be "realistic" about change to these systems is to again tell our Black family to wait for solutions that are more palatable to white supremacy. To wait while these systems continue to kill and target with impunity, as if it is enough to be able to argue that we might get more tools to hold them accountable....enough for who??? Allowing policing to evolve, when we *know* reformation efforts do not work, will make it harder to eradicate the violence and white supremacy that policing exercises and defends. Allowing policing to evolve is to shortchange ourselves and our comrades who have been fighting this fight longer than we have.

I believe we need to hold the line, and the line is calling for the abolition of policing in all its forms-- which this resolution does. I therefore offer my steadfast support.

Thank you,
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