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We, the undersigned clergy and religious leaders from across Texas, draw upon our personal faith and moral convictions to support the Texas George Floyd Act (H.B. No. 88).

We are leaders of various Texas faith communities who have walked with thousands of people through life's glory, tragedy, and mistakes. Some of the people with whom we have ministered have been harassed or threatened by police; others have had family members killed during an interaction with police. We have mourned senseless deaths at the hands of law enforcement. We have stood in solidarity, hearts to hearts, with families affected by these losses.

George Floyd's murder by Minneapolis police awakened many of us to the simple fact that Black men and women have justified reasons to live in fear for their lives because of the way policing works in America and Texas. Spouses are afraid for their husbands. Black parents are afraid for their sons and daughters. Black grandparents are afraid for their grandsons.

As people of faith, we yearn for peace. But peace demands righteousness and justice. We stand united in the belief that this moment, and George Floyd's death, demands meaningful police reform. In this critical moment, we are called to address our policing culture at the very roots, not only for the Black community, or even the community as a whole but for police officers as well.

The Texas George Floyd Act is a strong bill and a good first step towards addressing the injustice that George Floyd experienced at the hands of police and that many Texans experience every day. It is about correcting things that we know are wrong. It is about safety for all people. It is about peace, justice, strong communities, and safe neighborhoods.

Our belief in the value and protection of all people is grounded in our religious principles. We believe that this means embracing the Texas George Floyd Act.

Supporting Individuals and Local Organizations

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