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Daniel Cameron, Attorney General, Commonwealth of Kentucky
Russell Coleman, United States Attorney, Western District of Kentucky

Dear General Cameron and US Attorney Coleman,

Justice is not yet served with Metro Louisville's firing last Friday. Three officers killed Breonna Taylor on March 13. It's long past time to move forward with prosecution, of all three. The community has already waited too long.

Criminal action did not have to wait for civil discharge from employment. You could have indicted them before the city acted. Since so much time has passed, the criminal authorities, state and federal, must move forward now. Some say justice must be measured and deliberative. Some call for swift justice. At this point, over three months since Breonna Taylor was shot to death, justice must be swifter.

The pastors of Empower West Louisville have seen a lot in ministry. One thing we've seen in recent years is police officers avoiding indictment and conviction. That has to change: in God's eyes, no one is above the law, including law enforcement.

Perhaps investigations are ongoing. Investigations are always ongoing: they never stop. But there is more than enough evidence that is available to our eyes and through the lens of professional journalists to indict now. Perhaps we don't know the whole story. We doubt that, with holy skepticism. But if that's the case, exonerate them publicly, quickly. If not, don't delay indictment.

America has been shocked time after time after police killings. We've seen video of police killing citizens, only to go free later. America says, how can this be? What is wrong with a system that allows that to happen? How can America's prisons be filled with Black citizens who plead to nonviolent crimes, while police officers who kill Black citizens walk free?

This time, in our town, in your jurisdictions and on your watch, don't let history repeat itself. Breonna Taylor's police murder is a world-famous tragedy. Let this tragedy end in hope as God's will is done.

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