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## Statement on the Killing of Tyre Nichols

Dear NYU Community,

We write to you and send our deepest condolences to the family of Tyre Nichols. We feel tremendous anger and sadness for yet another instance of police brutality and the continued cycle of violence perpetrated by the police. We share the hurt felt by the Memphis community and recognize the immense fear BIPOC communities, particularly Black men, are living through concerning law enforcement. The dehumanization of Black lives must end, and radical change is required.

The Student Government Assembly ("SGA") is disheartened by the trauma this killing inflicts on many of us, both within the University's community and across the country. As details about this tragedy continue to light, we note the importance of reflection. It is critical to identify how you and others have taken part in or have been affected by unjust and brutal police violence.

Please do what you need to absorb and process at this time. A vigil in honor of Tyre Nichols, organized by the Black Muslim Initiative in partnership with the <u>Office of Global Inclusion</u> and <u>Global Spiritual Life</u>, will take place on **Thursday, February 2nd** at **5:00 PM ET** on the **Kimmel Stairs**. Additionally, representatives, including the Senator at-Large for Men of Color, Cameron Grant, are continuing their work with student organizations and university partners to identify and provide for the needs of vulnerable students. Please do not hesitate to <u>contact him</u> to provide additional insight and help inform our ongoing efforts.

Together, we urge students, faculty, administrators, and senior leadership to continue to support, help, and take action to protect Black lives. For those with the financial means to do so, please donate to the <u>Tyre Nichols Memorial Fund</u> organized by his mother. If you need someone to talk to, please contact the Wellness Exchange at 212-443-9999.

Tyre Nichols was a father, a son, and a creator whose life mattered—and that is how we will always remember him,

Your Friends in SGA