



**How to be an Advocate for Racial Justice:
Demanding Justice for Jacob Blake and Trayford Pellerin
and Showing Solidarity with the March on Washington**

In 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and addressed a crowd of marchers with words that would go down in history: “I have a dream”. Now, 57 years later, people take to the streets of Washington D.C. to march to the beat of this same dream, demanding for racial justice once more. As we have seen by the recent senseless shootings of Jacob Blake and Trayford Pellerin, our nation is still broken and plagued with hate, discrimination, and intolerance. Today, we stand in solidarity with those in the March on Washington, and this resource guide provides ways in which we can walk the walk alongside them.

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Here's What We Know

Jacob Blake:

On Sunday, August 23, a Kenosha police officer shot Jacob Blake at least seven times in his back in front of his children. The 29-year-old father of five is now paralyzed from the waist down. Sources say police were called to the scene to settle a domestic dispute between two women, in which Blake was helping to de-escalate the situation. After being tased by the Kenosha police officer, Blake walked back to his vehicle to check on his children. As Blake opened the door to the vehicle, an officer grabbed him by his shirt and shot him seven times at “point blank range.” Blake’s three young children (ages 3,5, and 8) were in the car and experienced the trauma of witnessing the police shoot their father. This story is still developing.

Two officers have been placed on administrative leave and the shooting is being investigated by the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

Trayford Pellerin:

On Friday, August 21, multiple Lafayette police officers shot Trayford Pellin 10+ times. Police were responding to a routine disturbance call Friday when they attempted to arrest Pellerin at a gas station in Lafayette. Officers tasered Pellerin first.. He then walked away from them, and they followed him on foot for almost half a mile to another gas station. As a group of roughly six Lafayette police officers came up behind him, Pellerin reached for the convenience store’s door and multiple officers fired a blast of bullets. This story is still developing.

Louisiana State Police are investigating the death of Trayford Pellerin.

DISCLAIMER: Please help to spread these stories to spread awareness and advocate for justice. However, **do not** share any videos of the shootings, as it can be triggering, harmful, and traumatizing.

Where to Donate

Monetary donations are one way to show your solidarity with the movement and help support the impacted individuals and families. If you are able, we encourage you to consider donating to one or more of the following causes that most resonate with you.

Donations in support of Jacob Blake, his family, or relevant organizations

- a. [GoFundMe](#)
 - i. This GoFundMe was started by Jacob Blake’s mother, and the funds will go towards Blake’s medical bills, legal representation, and support for his children and therapy costs.

b. [Milwaukee Freedom Fund](#)

- i. The Milwaukee Freedom Fund is currently assisting protestors in Kenosha with bail funds. Protests have erupted in Wisconsin following the shooting of Jacob Blake, and police have used tear gas against them. Considering donating here to support protestors on the ground.

Donations in support of Trayford Pellerin's family or relevant organizations

a. [GoFundMe](#)

- i. This GoFundMe was started by Trayford Pellerin's family, and the funds will go towards helping to support the family, primarily for medical expenses, as they cope with the tragedy of his loss.

Petitions to Sign

We would like to echo BridgeND's viewpoint in the Wednesday, August 26 edition of *The Observer*, "A Petition for Petitions." To quote BridgeND, "While simply signing your name on a document or adding your email to a virtual list may seem like a futile way to fight for change, the timeline of the Floyd petitions and events indicate that petitions have the potential to make a positive impact. At the very least, petitions are not likely to hurt your cause. So take the time. Sign the petition. It's worth the two extra minutes."

Petitions for Jacob Blake:

a. [Change.org](#)

- i. This petition demands that the officers be charged for the shooting of Jacob Blake.

b. [Color of Change](#)

- i. This petition includes a letter to be sent to Mayor John Antaramian, District Attorney Michael D. Graveley, and Attorney General Josh Kaul, calling for the officers who shot Jacob Blake to be immediately fired and arrested.

c. [Go Sociafy](#)

- i. This petition demands the Kenosha District Attorney Michael D. Graveley file the appropriate charges against the cops who shot Jacob Blake and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law.

d. [WhiteHouse.gov](#)

- i. This petition calls upon the current Administration to take a stand on the shooting of Jacob Blake by holding the officer accountable.

Petitions for Trayford Pellerin:

a. [Change.org](#)

- i. This petition demands justice for the killing of Trayford Pellerin by holding the officers involved in the shooting accountable for his murder.

How to Contact Local Representatives

It is the duty of local representatives to listen to the voices of both members of their communities and concerned allies across the country. Please consider contacting one or more of the following local officials to share your perspective on incidents of racial injustice that have occurred in their jurisdictions.

Local Officials for Jacob Blake:

- a. Kenosha City Attorney
 - i. (262) 653 - 4170
- b. Kenosha Mayor John Antaramian and City Administration
 - i. (262) 653 - 4000
 - ii. mayor@kenosha.org
- c. Wisconsin Department of Justice - Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul
 - i. (608) 266 - 1221
- d. Kenosha Police Department
 - i. (262) 656 - 1234
- e. Kenosha District Attorney Michael D. Graveley
 - i. (262) 653 - 2400
 - ii. michael.graveley@da.wi.gov
- f. Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers
 - i. Madison Office: (608) 266 - 1212
 - ii. Milwaukee Office: (414) 227 - 4344
- g. Kenosha Police Department Chief of Police Daniel G. Miskinis
 - i. dgm398@kenoshapolice.com

Local Officials for Trayford Pellerin:

- a. Lafayette Mayor-President - Josh Guillory
 - i. (337) 291 - 8300
 - ii. MayorPresidentsOffice@LafayetteLA.gov
- b. Louisiana Department of Justice - Attorney General James D. Caldwell
 - i. (225) 326 - 6705
- c. Lafayette Police Department
 - i. (337) 291 - 8600
 - ii. wgriffin@lafayettela.gov
- d. Louisiana Governor - John Bel Edwards
 - i. Front Desk:
 1. (225) 342 - 7015 or (866) 366 - 1121
 - ii. Constituent Help Line:
 1. (225) 342 - 0991
 2. (844) 860 - 1413

- e. Lafayette District Attorney
 - i. (337) 232 - 5170

Email Template for Local Representatives

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As a resident of (city, state) , I am demanding that all police officers involved in the shooting be fired immediately and that the Kenosha District Attorney file appropriate charges and prosecute those involved to the fullest extent of the law. I am asking you to use your position of power to do what is best for the community and to do what is best for the Blake family. I am counting on you to act **now**.

In Solidarity,

Email Template for Trayford Pellerin:

Hi _____,

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As a resident of (city, state) , I am demanding that all police officers involved in the shooting be fired immediately and that the Lafayette District Attorney file appropriate charges and prosecute those involved to the fullest extent of the law. I am upset by the lack of action taken by the police and mayor of Lafayette to hold the individual's involved responsible for Trayford's death. I am asking you to use your position of power to do what is best for the community and to do what is best for the Pellerin family. I am counting on you to act **now**.

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Know Your Rights

Everyone has basic rights protected under the U.S. Constitution and civil rights laws. The following resources, offered by the ACLU, provide detailed information on what your rights are, how to exercise them, and what to do when your rights are violated.

- a. [Stopped by Police](#)
- b. [Protesters' Rights](#)
- c. [Students' Rights](#)
- d. [Race, Ethnicity, or National Origin-Based Discrimination](#)
- e. [Voting Rights](#)
- f. [LGBTQ Rights](#)
- g. [Sex Discrimination](#)
- h. [Disability Rights](#)
- i. [Immigrants' Rights](#)

Mental Health and Well-Being Resources

Notre Dame Student Government recognizes the stress that may result from these traumatic events, especially for our Black peers. Below, we have provided a comprehensive list of Health and Well-Being resources provided by the University of Notre Dame as well as other organizations that specialize in mental health resources for the BIPOC community.

Notre Dame Health and Well-Being Resources:

- a. [University Health Services](#)
- b. [University Counseling Center](#)
- c. [McDonald Center for Student Well-being](#)
- d. [Care and Wellness Consultants](#)
- e. [Speak Up ND](#)

Crisis Hotlines:

- a. [UCC Warm Line](#)
 - i. Open during business hours (M-F, 9a-5p, closed on staff holidays)
- b. CRISIS HOTLINE: 574-631-7336
 - i. **NOT available over Winter Break
- c. CRISIS TEXT LINE: Text HOME to 741741
- d. TRANS LIFELINE: Dial 877-565-8860
- e. [Trevor Project](#)

- i. From the UCC Website: “The Trevor Project is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth. These include a hotline and online, crisis intervention chat service.”
- ii. TrevorLifeline: 1-866-488-7386
- iii. [TrevorChat](#): confidential, online instant messaging with a counselor, available 24/7
- iv. TrevorText: Text START to 678-678; confidential text messaging with a counselor, available 24/7

BIPOC Mental Health Resources:

- a. [Therapy for Black Girls](#)
 - i. “Therapy for Black Girls is an online space dedicated to encouraging the mental wellness of Black women and girls.” Therapy for Black Girls also works to connect Black women with culturally competent therapists.
 - ii. [Donate here](#)
- b. [Black Mental Health Alliance](#)
 - i. Mission: “To develop, promote and sponsor trusted culturally-relevant educational forums, trainings and referral services that support the health and well-being of Black people and other vulnerable communities.”
 - ii. [Donate here](#)
- c. [Black Emotional and Mental Health Collective](#)
 - i. Mission: “BEAM’s mission is to remove the barriers that Black people experience getting access to or staying connected with emotional health care and healing. We do this through healing justice based organizing, education, training, grantmaking and advocacy.”
 - ii. [Donate here](#)
- d. [Therapy for Black Men](#)
 - i. “TherapyForBlackMen.org is a directory to help men of color in their search for a therapist. Using the directory, men can search by therapist location and specialization. Searching by location, the results will include the therapists near you and will display their credentials, location, and the issues they treat.”
 - ii. [Donate here](#)
- e. [The Loveland Foundation](#)
 - i. “Loveland Foundation is committed to showing up for communities of color in unique and powerful ways, with a particular focus on Black women and girls. Our resources and initiatives are collaborative and they prioritize opportunity, access, validation, and healing. We are becoming the ones we’ve been waiting for.”
 - ii. [Donate here](#)