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SEIU

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Concerning: Strike for Black Lives 2020

Dear President,

Dear Sisters and Brothers of SEIU,

The economic crisis, due to the Covid-19 pandemic is hitting the workers in the US hard. Tens of millions of Americans have filed for unemployment in the last months. And as history has proved, black Americans are even more vulnerable because they are more active in low-paying jobs.

The death of George Floyd and many other black citizens before him, as a result of police brutality, is unacceptable.

As trade unionists, and acting in the spirit of international solidarity, we support social actions against oppression, inequality, institutional racism and social misery.

We express our solidarity with the Black Lives Matter-movement. We need measures to end police violence but also far-reaching economic reforms. A just society means guaranteeing equality, regardless his or her ethnic origin.

Therefore, La Centrale Générale-FGTB support fully your initiative for a Strike For Black Lives on July 20 across the United States to demand racial and economic justice. And we will continue our common efforts for a decent wage through your (Fight For \$15) and our (Fight for €14) campaign.

Racism, sexism, homophobia: everything that divides us, weakens us. International trade-unions must be a counterforce, and we will be on your side.



In solidarity,

Werner Van Heetvelde

President

Eric Neuprez

General Secretary