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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we are all aware, our country, our communities are in turmoil. I am horrified, as I am sure you are, by the death of George Floyd at the hands of a police officer, while he cried out for help. No moral person can watch that video and not be enraged at the clear indifference to Mr. Floyd's life and safety. Our Brothers and Sisters of color have been telling us for years that this is their reality, and for years some have said "it can't be that bad." In today's society it is no longer possible to turn a blind eye, cell phones and the brave citizens who use them make it undeniable. I implore all of you to watch that video and others like it and ask yourself "what if that was your Brother under that knee," what would you do?

Local 26 is a union, and as such we fight for the rights of ALL working people, without regards to race, gender or belief. Local 26 condemns completely the actions of that police officer and those that stood by and did nothing. We support the right of the AMERICAN people to peacefully protest and address their VERY REAL grievances against unequal treatment of any person. Fringe elements have worked to turn these protests violent. THAT DOES NOT IN ANY WAY MINIMIZE OR NEGATE THE TRUTH OF THE PROTESTERS GRIEVANCES AND THE TRUTH OF WHAT WE HAVE SEEN.

I ask each of you to look upon each other as what we are, Sisters and Brothers, members of the Labor movement. Remember the names of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor, and the countless others that have been murdered or beaten because of hate, intolerance and bigotry. I ask each of you to remember that at the beginning of the Labor movement, the police and the military were called out against those protesters. All of us have family we want to get home to; all of us have dreams we are working towards, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Arbery, Ms. Taylor, and will never go home to their families again, they will never dream again. Remember that.

My respect and solidarity to ALL my Brothers and Sisters in the Labor Movement. With our dedication and belief in what's right, WE can help make sure that America does better.

Thomas Myers

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