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A lot of people are talking about defunding the police—but they’re not all talking about the same thing. The pre-existing definitions of policing, governance, and budgeting processes that continue to be exercised in communities, we serve together to design a future that does not rely on police and punishment.

We will not find that alternative if we don’t work. We need the binding of police, policies, or personnel that creates danger to fail. We cannot do this work alone. We need everyone who calls the country home to join us in this fight. We need to be creative, innovating, and efficient in our approach to ensure the safety of our community. We need to take a long-term approach to systemic change.

Federal policymakers (Biden, CBC)

More policing does not automatically lead to less violent crime, but it does lead to a greater threat of police violence. Federal legislation must a) reject any proposed expansion of police budgets and authorizing special revenue on cities, states, and local, and at the structural and systemic level, b) most powerful, corporately driven efforts that have proven ineffective and inefficient, and c) understand that it’s not enough to reduce the scope and size of policing—there should be greater spending on education, housing, and health and human services that meet widely and deeply felt community needs.

AUDIENCE: Federal policymakers (Biden, CBC)

Grassroots organizers (local, state, and national)

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Newly-woke whites

We know the safest communities in America are places that don’t center the police. We need to look no further than neighborhoods where the wealthy, well-connected, and well-off live, or anywhere there is easy access to living wages, healthcare, quality public education, and freedom from police terror.

AUDIENCE: Newly-woke whites

City and state policymakers

Right now, cities across the country are facing municipal budgets and budgeting the police are doing the police who are never transparent. We have a duty to prohibit the spending of public funds for any city budgets, producing billions in savings that can be reinvested in a shared vision of community safety, infrastructure, and economic development across the city.

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