

The recent killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and too many other Black people by police officers, as well as the Federal government's violent response to peaceful protestors, is reprehensible in the United States, a democracy with the rule of law.

Our democracy needed fixing from the moment it was created. Though the Declaration of Independence stated in 1776 that "all men are created equal," that concept was not enshrined in the Constitution. Millions of Black people were legally enslaved to be bought and sold and deprived of human rights. Black people, Native American people, women, and people of different faiths and ethnicities were not allowed to vote.

The fight for freedom and the right to vote was bloody, difficult and long. And today, too many Black people face brutality and death at the hands of police, discrimination, economic injustice, and unequal access to the ballot box.

Our democracy is fixable. We will press for safe and secure elections. We will advocate for political reforms that put voters first. We will work with partners to address racial injustice. We will champion change in businesses and communities across the United States.

We stand together, firmly with Black people, to fix the system.

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