



Transgender Gender Variant Intersex Justice Project is in Solidarity With the People of Ferguson

The leadership team of TGI Justice holds solidarity with the family of Mike Brown and the people of Ferguson, who have endured unspeakable human rights abuses at the hands of law enforcement including and following the police murder of Mr. Brown on August 9th. TGI Justice Project is a group of transgender people—inside and outside of prison—creating a united family in the struggle for survival and freedom. We work in collaboration with others to forge a culture of resistance and resilience to strengthen us for the fight against imprisonment, police violence, racism, poverty, and societal pressures. We seek to create a world rooted in self determination, freedom of expression, and gender justice.

We share your pain and outrage at the loss of yet another young Black man's life and the subsequent assault on your community by police, and call these assaults out as clear and irrefutable examples of the deep, systemic racism that informs the Prison Industrial Complex in this country. This is a system that leaves our brothers, sisters, and loved ones dying in the streets or locked up in unconscionable numbers in a dehumanizing network of jails, deportation centers, and prisons. This is a system deeply rooted in a long and consistent history of gendered racial injustice in the United States. This is a system that seeks to rob us of our most essential dignities as humans, and we are here to say that we join you in the struggle against the racist police state and towards a future of self-determination for our communities.

As an organization led by formerly incarcerated Black transgender women, we are certainly no strangers to police profiling, systemic criminalization, and brutality at the hands of law enforcement. We are with you in heart, spirit, and action as you push back against those in power who would try to kill, harm, degrade, and silence you. The revolutionary work you are doing in the streets of Ferguson, standing tall in the face of what must be unbearable grief, empowers and emboldens us.

We want you to know that the eyes of the world are on Ferguson, and that your sisters, brothers, and loved ones in the San Francisco Bay Area join you in demanding justice.

Be safe and stay strong,

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