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## Press Release

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### **The Derek Chauvin Guilty Verdict Is a Beginning**

The fight has to continue against police brutality and racial injustice

ATLANTA, GA, April 20, 2021 – Now that former police officer Derek Chauvin has been convicted of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter, we hope George Floyd's family can find some measure of justice and peace.

Today's verdict is a necessary step on the road to progress. We have to stay committed to making sure that African Americans are guaranteed justice that many others have been denied.

While Floyd's killing sparked a new wave of national protests for justice and racial equality, convictions of police officers are rare. It's impossible to ignore the role that race plays in the shooting and killing of African Americans by police.

The Floyd family and the city of Minneapolis can now start to heal, but there is a lot more work to be done. We have to continue the journey of dramatic change. Congress has to pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, the police reform bill that will hold police accountable.

*“This is more than just one verdict and justice for George Floyd. We have to treat this as a beginning and not an end. We have to take this momentum and push to reform policing and racial bias in our criminal justice system, so African Americans can live without fear of police and being treated differently,”* said Virginia W. Harris, NCBW National President.

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The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Incorporated is a 38-year-old advocacy organization whose vision is that black women and girls will live in a world where socio-economic inequity does not exist. Thus, we advocate on behalf of black women and girls to promote leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment. As a voice for millions of black women and girls in the United States, the Coalition believes in inclusion, respect, racial and social justice, integrity, accountability and collaboration.

*We operate as a not-for-profit organization exclusively for charitable, educational, and social purposes and are organized for tax exempt status under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954.*