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RECENT MURDER OF JAYLAND WALKER IN AKRON

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We here at the Ohio Student Association are saddened and appalled by the recent murder of Jayland Walker. We send our condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of this young man taken from us. Unfortunately, on June 27th, 2022 Jayland Walker a 25-year-old young Black man was murdered by the Akron Police Department. 7 of the 8 officers involved were white. Upwards of 90 bullets were fired from law enforcement, and 63 of those bullets hit Jayland Walker. He was unarmed and fleeing at the time of his murder.

The police continue to escalate, whether it be a traffic stop or a peaceful protest, and instigate citizens to violence. They show up with drones to spy on us, set curfews to restrict us, and bring guns to intimidate us. Over and over the police prove with their own actions, that militarization of our communities does not make us safer. They don't want us to feel safe around them—they want us to be scared. You can't build a community of trust on a foundation of fear.

Police brutality is no new issue for communities of color. We don't want “#Justicefor” hashtags to become the only legacy left behind for our actions. As organizers, students, and citizens we can achieve much more. We stand with those fighting for accountability from the APD and justice for Jayland Walker. We demand that the voices of Akron be heard and that our citizens be treated with respect and dignity regardless of their race or income. We can make a change together in fighting the epidemic of police brutality in this country by working for justice. We must stand up and speak out for the most vulnerable in our community and demand justice for Jayland Walker and the many other souls lost to police brutality and gun violence. Use your voice and your power as a people to stand against injustice in all its forms. Silence is violence—don't be quiet!

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