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Center for Policing Equity Releases Statement About President Obama's Remarks on Community Policing

LOS ANGELES, CA -- Today, Center for Policing Equity President and Co-founder Dr. Phillip Atiba Goff released the following statement about President Obama's remarks today on community policing:

"The Center for Policing Equity commends President Barack Obama for continuing to make police and community relations a national priority.

"We are heartened by the President, as well as our national leaders, taking time to engage in these issues. This infusion of federal dollars to support municipal police accountability is particularly essential to ensuring that the nation's law enforcement police in ways that are in line with our values.

"While these are significant next steps, efforts to make data public must be supplemented with comprehensive original data collection and rigorous analytic techniques to ensure effectiveness and sustainability.

"The Center for Policing Equity is proud to be a part of the Administration's efforts to identify challenges in strengthening police-community relations, through our National Justice Database tracking police use of force and profiling data, and the Department of Justice's National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice."