RESPONSE TO Grand Jury Decision in FERGUSSON

National Call – Nov. 17

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Key message supported by the coalition on the ground in Ferguson must emphasize the following central points:

* The humanity of young people of color
* Validity of moral outrage of the Ferguson and Communities of Color
* Constitutional right to protest must be protected by law enforcement

Also emphasize that the violence has not come from the protestors/youth or Community of Color but from militarized law enforcement.

Action Recommendations:

* Intense non-violent actions, such as civil disobedience
* Sustained rather than short and spasmodic. 24 hours or daily recommended
* Target is Department of Justice who has been asked to intervene and investigate

Local events should not focus on “solidarity message” but on **local incidents** and losses of life, such as Eric Garner in NY. Each state has a laundry list. Learn it and refer to it. Add your local incidents to the broader group to elevate the message and show widespread pattern.

Please use the terms that address the real issues:

Anti-Black violence

Anti-Black racism

Anti-Black vigilante-ism

Preferred location is a federal building to emphasize accountability on the Department of Justice unless there is an alternate location that makes more sense in a community.

Please join the coalition to stay part of the long term national movement.

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