

Coalition Against Police Crimes and Repression

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AAPRP

*All African People's
Revolutionary Party*

ACLU

*American Civil
Liberties Union*

AFSC

*American Friends
Service Committee*

BRC

*Black Radical
Congress*

CAPB

*Citizens Against
Police Brutality*

**COALITION TO
ABOLISH THE
DEATH PENALTY**

FRSO

*Freedom Road
Socialists Organization*

NOI

*Nation of Islam
Muhammad Mosque #28*

NBPOA

*National Black Police
Officers' Association*

OBS

*Organization for
Black Struggle*

RAIL

*Revolutionary
Anti-Imperialist League*

RESIST

SLCOA

*St. Louis Committee
on Africa*

UAPO

*Universal African
People's Organization*

January 10, 2000

Dear Political Leader:

It is at the beginning of this new millennium that we once again celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As we go forward, it is with a shared vision for improving the human experience, in accordance with Dr. King's legacy. Our focus has been on improving the relationship between our community, the City of St. Louis, and its police force.

We, the Coalition Against Police Crimes and Repression, wish to be a positive force. We endeavor to encourage and reward the integrity of police officers who protect and serve, while working to eliminate the abuses of those officers who misuse their position of power. To this end, we have created two proposals. One is for the development of a Civilian Complaint Review Board, and the other is for establishing Community Control of the Police.

The Civilian Complaint Review Board will establish an independent investigative body to look into allegations of police misconduct. This body will investigate, make findings, and recommend action to be taken by the Chief of Police. Our proposal for Community Control of the Police will give the people of the City of St. Louis more input as to who sits on the Police Board of Commissioners. It also outlines specific areas which we feel need to be addressed in policy making to improve the relationship between the community and its police force.

We have enclosed these documents for you as your involvement and feedback are critical to our efforts. For your convenience, we've enclosed a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope with which we invite you to forward suggestions or concerns. We are interested in any feedback you wish to offer.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Coalition Against Police Crimes & Repression

Enclosure