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Unifor Local 222 Message of Solidarity

Unifor Local 222 stands in solidarity with all Americans that are heartbroken and angered by the brutal killing of George Floyd and many other unarmed Americans who have lost their lives at the hands of Police. This is not just about George Floyd, even though his death was the catalyst to protests across America and around the world by people of all colors, creeds and religions. This is about people saying that they have had enough and we need to end systemic racism with all people being treated equal, regardless of the color of their skin. This is not an isolated incident and studies show a disproportionate use of force by police on people of color in America. 1 in 1000 men of color can expect to die at the hand of police in America. While black Americans only make up 12.7% of the population, they account for 40% of unarmed men shot to death by police and are 2.5 times more likely to be killed by police than their white counterparts. The Civil Rights Act was enacted in 1964 and the death of unarmed people of color at the hands of police should not be the norm in 2020.

Our condolences goes out to the Floyd family and we stand with citizens of the world in calling for justice reform and accountability. This is not just an issue in America but also an issue in Canada and many countries around the world.

We all need to be united around racial justice in order to impact change and end systemic racism everywhere. Racism is not a black, brown or white issue, it is a people issue that grows with ignorance. Silence is no longer an option.

In Solidarity,
Executive Board
Unifor Local 222
*on behalf of our 16,500 members,
active & retired*

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