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Governor Tony Evers
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Governor Evers,

On behalf of the membership of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), I am writing to demand that the Kenosha police officer who senselessly shot Jacob Blake in the back seven times be charged for attempted murder.

Once again, we watched in horror as a familiar scene unfolded involving an unarmed black man, Jacob Blake, who wished to keep the peace in his neighborhood. He wanted nothing more than to help de-escalate a domestic incident. Instead, the situation that developed was all too familiar: an unarmed black man was shot in the back in front of his children. The Kenosha police officer responsible for the shooting must be arrested and held accountable for his actions.

We the ILWU are a union that has a rich history of fighting for racial and social justice. We are tired. We are tired of watching the same scenario unfold time and again. We are tired of seeing that black and brown lives don't matter. This nonsense needs to stop and things need to change.

You, Governor Evers, can be the change. You can take this opportunity to heal a community that continues to suffer at the hands of police brutality and police violence. We cannot continue to make excuses for bad behavior. We can only achieve justice when people are held accountable for their actions.

Now is the time for you to act.

Sincerely,

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cc: Josh Kaul, Attorney General, State of Wisconsin
John Antaramian, Mayor of Kenosha, Wisconsin
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