

Will justice for one be justice for all?

Like many of you, I had watched the George Floyd murder trial since the beginning, hoping justice would prevail.

Now, at this moment, like many of us, I am overwhelmed with emotion knowing that in this one case it has.

Thank you to the bystanders who filmed the murder and tried to intervene. Thank you to the prosecutors for your skill and dedication. Thank you to the police officers who did the right thing on the stand. Thank you to the jurors for seeing your own humanity in George. Thank you to the Vice President and President for your words of unity and justice last night.

As an individual, a mother, a wife, a member of our community, and a citizen of the United States, I will be grieving the death of George Floyd for a long time, just as many of us are still grieving the deaths of Daunte Wright, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and the many other Black people who have yet to receive justice in the face of police brutality.

Although this may be a moment to pause and feel some relief, our work does not end because of one verdict. This decision will not take away the pain and loss the Floyd family has to live with or the Black community as a whole.

Dr. King famously said that "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

Yet, it will not bend on its own.

We all have to keep pushing for the country we deserve.

If you are just now starting to become more aware of your privilege or want to be more of an ally to People of Color, I would ask you to use your voice to eliminate racial disparities in your organizations, to challenge the status quo, and use your money, time, and energy to create more opportunities for People of Color.

If you don't know where to start, please consider reaching out to local organizations like the Associated Black Charities. Their Volunteer Career Mentors Program is making a difference in our community for low-wage workers.

