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Statement on the Brutal Murder of Tyre Nichols

This past Friday evening, like most people around the Nation and throughout the World, I was completely horrified watching the brutal murder of Tyre Nichols at the hands of those entrusted to serve and protect. Tyre Nichols' murder was a tragic reminder that despite the strides we have made with respect to fighting for our humanity as a people, we still have much work to do to ensure that Black Lives Matter.

The fact that Tyre Nichol's was murdered by officers that were from his community and that looked like him reminds us all that there is still a problem in America with the "blue code of silence", which gives rogue officers a license to commit these type of heinous acts. What is even more appalling about Tyre Nichols' murder is the fact that officers stood around for more than 20 minutes and refused to render aid to the man they brutally assaulted.

I join the masses in calling for swift justice for Tyre and I pledge to do my part to strengthen our ability as a society to identify and remove officers who violate the rights of the citizens they are sworn to serve and protect. In that vein, I will be immediately revisiting passing Cariol's Law in Detroit to help combat this type of misconduct in our Police Department.

My heart goes out to the Nichols family and friends who are suffering through unimaginable grief having to relive the tragic killing of their loved one constantly because of the media coverage.

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Council President Mary Sheffield represents the 5th District, which covers the lower eastside, downtown, the riverfront and central portions of Detroit. She was first elected to office in 2013 and is the youngest person ever elected to City Council in the history of Detroit. She was elected as the City's youngest Council President in January of 2022.

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