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**STATEMENT ON ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT APRIL 22, 2021  
RESPONSE TO SOUTH STATION PROTEST**

**Albany, NY:** On the heel of Derek Chauvin's trial and various acts of police brutality throughout our country, the decisions made by the command staff of the Albany Police Department on Thursday, April 22, 2021 to forcibly remove the protestors outside the South Station were disheartening and overly aggressive. While we respect APD's duty to prioritize public safety, we strongly denounce the approach they used. Amidst all of the national and local high-profile police brutality cases and civil unrest, APD command staff should be exercising extra caution to de-escalate matters and utilize trusted voices in the Community to help address community concerns of injustice and police brutality. This event has served to fuel tension and further damaged the relationship between our police department and segments of our community.

We, the undersigned, will continue to work with our Community Leaders to help restore peace and this fragile relationship between the community and our APD.

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