TO BALTIMORE MAYOR STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE

I stand in solidarity with those in Baltimore who are demanding that all charges be dropped against those who rose up against racism, police brutality, oppressive social conditions and delay of justice in the case of Freddie Gray.

It is an outrage that peaceful protesters have been brutalized, beaten and pepper-sprayed by police in the streets, and held for days in inhumane conditions. Those arrested include journalists and legal observers. Even the youth who are charged with property destruction should be given an amnesty. There is no reason a teenager — provoked by racists and justifiably angry — should be facing life in prison for breaking the windows of a police car.



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