

CJ Griffin Quoted in Star-Ledger Editorial Board Opinion Regarding Lack of “Real Reform” in Police Transparency and Accountability since the Death of George Floyd

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CJ Griffin, director of the Justice Gary S. Stein Public Interest Center at Pashman Stein Walder Hayden, was quoted in the Star-Ledger Editorial Board Opinion, “Honor George Floyd with action, not procrastination.” The Opinion discusses the need for New Jersey to adopt measures to improve police transparency and accountability and highlights several bills that have been stalled on both the state and federal level.

While the Opinion notes that Gov. Murphy is trying to restore public trust in police with a licensing and decertification process, it suggests that more reform is needed.

Reform expert CJ Griffin added, “I don’t know why licensing has taken two years, and I worry about how insular the process is.”

But it’s hard to refute what Griffin has observed the last two years: “It feels like many politicians gave lip service to systemic police reform in the moment in 2020,” the attorney says, “but didn’t really mean it.”

Trenton lawmakers can prove her wrong. Maybe they remember that it took them only 9 minutes and 29 seconds to watch George Floyd die. They can spend at least that much time discussing what real reform looks like.

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