

Connecticut Human Rights Partnership Special Statement on George Floyd Murder Verdict

The Connecticut Human Rights Partnership affirms the jury's verdict in the trial of Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd. As an organization that promotes human rights and defends dignity, we believe that accountability was served today.

Today's verdict is an important step towards the reestablishment of trust between Americans and the justice system, and reflects the fact that no one is above the law, reaffirming the fundamental human rights principles of the rule of law and equal dignity. However, we know that there is a long way to go for true justice to happen in our country. In recent weeks, we have seen the legacy of systemic racism and oppression come to bear in other brutal incidences of violence against men and women of color in the United States. Meaningful reform and transformative change need to happen in the United States. As a country, we must change the way we police, we must change the way we apply justice, and we must change the way we see each other. We have an obligation as a nation to transform how we coexist and to recognize the clear and present fact that Black Lives Matter, unequivocally.

As the good fight continues, so does our important work as an organization dedicated to human rights, dignity and justice for all. CHRP commits itself to these values and dedicates its work in 2021 and beyond to demanding a global community invested in love, compassion and decency. We can do more, and we will do more.