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**New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance  
Statement on Black Lives Matter, Race and Police Violence  
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There are many manifestations of racism in our society. The environmental injustices that the New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance (NJEJA) struggles to eliminate are one manifestation

and the unjustified police violence against Black people that has drawn protests and condemnation across the nation is another. NJEJA stands in solidarity with the many protesters and organizations who are fighting police brutality and unwarranted violence against Black people and others.

The racial injustice that infuses police enforcement and the criminal justice system must be removed. Both areas should be re-examined and ideas for fundamental change must be considered. This re-examination should be coupled with social investments by the State of New Jersey in Black communities and other communities Of Color that address social and economic issues.

After President Obama was elected there were some who said we were living in a “post-racial society”. Nobody is saying that now. Racism in all its forms must be addressed and our nation must take immediate steps to ensure that Black Lives Matter in police enforcement and the criminal justice system, in environmental justice and in all areas of our society. The wait is over.