

## Aspiring White Allies of Ohio

### Statement Mourning the Continued Injustice for Breonna Taylor

We join our Black colleagues, friends, and family in mourning the continued injustice for Breonna Taylor and the countless women, girls, and femmes who came before her. We hold space for the tensions felt between wanting justice in the form of arrests, the devastation when that doesn't happen, and the knowledge that these systems will never bring the reforms we call for as they currently stand.

We, as white people dedicated to anti-racism, must commit ourselves to reimagining and *actively working* towards building new systems that equitably provide justice. We must become comfortable in being uncomfortable. We must not lose the urgency to fulfill these tasks or the drive to become co-conspirators with our Black, Indigenous, colleagues, friends, and family of color. We must work to bring justice and change for Breonna and Black women, girls, inclusive of Trans Women, by listening to what justice looks like to each person.

We recognize that many Black protestors have already been targeted and arrested in the wake of the continuation of public demonstrations centering injustice and death of Breonna Taylor. Cash bail is one of many barriers that protestors experience when they are arrested, where bail set for Black protestors is often higher than for white protestors. We call white people to learn about bail [reform efforts](#) in your area, seek out ways to support bail funds, and support relief efforts for Black organizers and protestors in your area.

We ask that you join us in donating to, supporting, and sharing with other white people the following bail and mutual aid funds:

- [Canton/Akron Bail Fund](#)
- [BLM Cleveland](#)
- [Columbus Freedom Fund](#)
- [Beloved Community Church Bail Fund](#)— *Cincinnati*
- [Youngstown Freedom Fund](#)

We implore you to join us in learning about, dreaming up, and reimagining alternatives to the punitive systems we rely so heavily on. Some suggested reads:

[Blog posts from VAWnet](#)

[Resources from AORTA: anti-oppression resources and training alliance](#)

[Social Justice Resources from New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#)

[What does Transformative Justice look like? Survivor-focused, Trauma-Informed, & Community Accountability to ending Sexual Violence](#)

