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Honorable Ned Lamont Governor State of Connecticut 210 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Honorable, Ned Lamont

I have lived in Downtown Hartford, Connecticut since I was 2 years old moving from Chicago. My parents thought it would be best if we moved because of the increasing crime rates and gun violence. I started living down here with my grandparents in Georgia after I came back from Italy because my parents thought it was going to be the best for me.

I wanted to send this letter to you because I have noticed all the racial injustice happening not only in Connecticut, but the entire country. This is incredibly dangerous to most people here, this is very important to me and a lot of other people from all around the country because many people have died just because of their skin color (according to CBSnews.com). Police have killed 164 black U.S citizens in the first 8 months of 2020 including,

- Barry Gedeus
- Tyrell Flincher
- Gamel Brown
- Kwame Jones
- Brandon Roberts
 And lots more

Black people would be able to walk the streets again or do social things without being afraid of racial injustice and being killed just because of their skin color. It's very sad to know that people die just because of how they look and they can't change that. You should never judge a Black person, or anybody for

that matter by what they look like. My father has been in panels talking about why stuff like this happens. "We should not point our fingers only at law enforcement because the more we do that, the more we absolve society of their role in all of this. Law enforcement is an institution within a biased society" as stated by Dr. Kendell Coker from New Haven on a panel that brought over 180 students and staff in New Haven to join the Zoom.

During my research I have found a few possible solutions to this problem. Federal laws have been made to try and stop this issue, but sadly people still do it. Here are some of the resolutions that I have been able to find

- Set up Classes to learn about why Racism is bad
- Panels on why Racial Injustice should be prevented
- Make more laws to stop or slow down the killings based off skin color

I feel that more laws going against this issue would be extremely beneficial to the state to stop some of the killings going on. I'm extremely willing to help this effort to stop this injustice from going on longer. I can make flyers to explain why Racism is a terrible thing, ask people to repost something on social media on Racism, write to the news to help me inform people on why racism is something to be concerned about, and many more. I can be reached at kidkyle.the.great@gmail.com. It's not fair that people have been killed just by how they look.

Signed, Kyle Coker 6th Grade Student