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APALA Calls for Justice for Philando Castile

Washington, DC – The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO (APALA) released this statement from Johanna Puno Hester, APALA National President and Assistant Executive Director of the United Domestic Workers, AFSCME Local 3930, in response to the acquittal of the officer who shot and killed Philando Castile in July 2016:

“Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Philando Castile. We are deeply upset that another Black brother’s murder has yet been brought to justice. The officer’s acquittal serves as a brutal reminder that our criminal justice system continues to fail Black and Brown folks. As people of color, we refuse to make normal the attacks on Black bodies for simply being Black as we continue to battle a system that bases criminalization on one’s proximity to blackness. Let us not forget that our freedom is indelibly tied to the freedom of Black folks everywhere. We call for justice for Philando Castile and will always say and live #BlackLivesMatter.”

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