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Jewish Community Relations Council Statement on Dontre Hamilton

The Milwaukee Jewish Community, consisting of many survivors and descendants of Jewish communities that were disenfranchised, discriminated against and persecuted by governments and partisan groups around the world, express our understanding of, and sympathy for, the family of Dontre Hamilton and the black community in Milwaukee.

We respect everyone's right to protest the decision not to prosecute criminal charges against the police officer; protest is part of the democratic process. We also join with the Hamilton family in encouraging the protests to be peaceful.

The Jewish community understands that the death of Dontre Hamilton occurred amidst a background of larger issues of extreme segregation, disenfranchisement, poverty, and lack of access to opportunity. We support and look forward to an investigation of this incident by U.S. Attorney James Santelle and the U.S. Department of Justice. Our hope is that this investigation will result in real and significant movement toward correcting the inequality and injustice that exists in our community.

We stand together with other faith communities and all who believe that all lives matter.

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