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## **SEIU Local 73 Statement on Adam Toledo Shooting**

**Chicago, IL** – “SEIU Local 73 is deeply troubled by the shooting of Adam Toledo,” said Dian Palmer, President of SEIU Local 73. “The video clearly shows that Adam Toledo did not have a gun in his hand when he was shot while raising his hands to comply with the police officer.”

“We are praying for justice for Adam and his family. But we know thoughts and prayers are not enough to solve the ongoing systemic racism facing Black and Brown communities. Adam Toledo should be alive today. And we will continue to work to prevent senseless tragedies like this in the future.”

“The use of excessive force by police officers against people of color is a problem we must address together. It’s long past time we create a police accountability system which will ensure public safety.”

“What’s more we need to tackle the issues of poverty and access to quality healthcare including mental healthcare, in our communities.”

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*SEIU Local 73 represents more than 29,000 workers, primarily in public service and publicly funded positions in school districts, municipalities, social service agencies, and many other job classifications in Illinois and Indiana. We are dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families.*