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SEIU Local 73 Statement on the Death of Tyre Nichols

Chicago, IL – “SEIU Local 73 is deeply troubled by the death of Tyre Nichols at the hands of five Memphis police officers,” said Dian Palmer, President of SEIU Local 73. “And while those officers will be held accountable for Tyre’s murder, this is another example of the need for police reforms nationwide.”

“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.”

“We are praying for justice for Tyre and his family. But we know thoughts and prayers are not enough to solve the ongoing systemic racism facing Black and Brown communities.”

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SEIU Local 73 represents more than 31,000 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.