On September 17, 2020, Denver-area police forces carried out a coordinated campaign of arrests of anti-racist organizers. Those arrested were the leaders of large scale peaceful protests to demand justice for Elijah McClain, a young Black man who was brutally murdered by the Aurora Police Department. Three of the arrested organizers were held in jail by authorities for eight days in degrading and dangerous conditions before they were finally brought before a judge, a gross violation of their due process rights. They now face numerous extreme charges, carrying up to 48 years in prison.

This is an obvious frame-up aimed at stopping the movement for justice for Elijah McClain. The attack is led by the same law enforcement agencies and officials that received unprecedented scrutiny due to the mass protest movement. If successful, it will not only put innocent anti-racist organizers behind bars, but it will strike a devastating blow to the Movement for Black Lives and to the fundamental democratic rights which underpin all movements for justice. We must rally public support throughout the nation to demand that the bogus charges be dropped. Justice requires nothing less!

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