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Statement of Lt. Governor Gray on Guilty Verdict in the Murder of George Floyd

Montpelier, Vt—Today, Lt. Governor Gray released the following statement in response to the verdict in the trial of Derek Chauvin:

“While today’s verdict marks a moment of accountability, the verdict neither solves police violence in America, nor brings George Floyd back to his family or loved ones.

This is not the end but the beginning of a long path of police reform, criminal justice reform and collective efforts to root out systemic racism across our country.

Last June, Floyd’s young daughter, Gianna, proudly declared, ‘Daddy changed the world.’ She is right. I draw hope from the millions of Americans, including the thousands of Vermonters, who have protested, marched and spoken up this past year against systemic racism in our communities and institutions. We cannot stop speaking up and speaking out. It’s up to all of us to continue this work towards justice.

This evening, my heart goes out to the Floyd family, the greater Minneapolis community, and all those in Vermont and across our country who have been deeply impacted by this trial.”

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