

## Letters to a President

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Dear President Joe Biden,

Now that you are the President of the United States, I think that it is time to address some of the most serious concerns of American society.

Poverty affects millions of people in America and as the richest country in the developed world, this isn't acceptable. Many Americans have turned to homelessness, payday loans and even crime to just get by and feed their families. And unsurprisingly, this has affected minorities more than anyone else.

It is no secret that in America black people and other minorities are heavily discriminated against and are subject to systematic racism. An example of this is that despite being only thirteen percent of the population, black people make up forty to fifty percent of the prison population. This is due to a lot of "red lining" around black communities which stops them from reaching their desired universities and work because of the area they live in. It is then, when there is no other option, that people resort to gangs and drugs to earn money. It is a vicious cycle that persecutes minorities and makes it very difficult to escape.

Many American have fallen into this cycle, Mr President.

I understand that being the President isn't an easy job, but with the economic crisis caused by coronavirus, more Americans than ever have become victim to poverty. And with a military budget of seventy billion, there is no excuse of "lack of money"; the people in your country aren't threatened by foreign powers, but rather the trillionaires who laid them off during a pandemic and recession.

Evidently, the solution to this problem is simple: more funding in disadvantaged communities is needed, a reform of the justice system and work unions should be encouraged to protect the backbone of the country – the working class.

Yours sincerely,

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