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Statement From Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins One Year After The Murder of George Floyd

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“Today, we mark one year since George Floyd’s life was taken by a police officer. His shocking death was captured by then 17-year-old Darnella Frazier who recorded the horrific 9 minutes and 29 seconds that reignited an overdue conversation on racial justice and police accountability. Over this past year, we have seen people from every race, gender, and demographic come together to demand much-needed changes to our justice and policing systems. I am proud of the historic reforms the Senate Democratic Majority has passed under my leadership, and our work is not done. To honor the lives of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Eric Garner, Mike Brown, Daniel Prude, Adam Toledo, Ma’Khia Bryant, and countless others, we will continue to uplift their names and pass further reforms to ensure New Yorkers’ rights are protected, and communities are kept safe. Accountability is a top priority for the Senate Democratic Majority; everyone deserves to know that their rights and lives are valued.”