Date

The Honorable [Name of Legislator]

The [State Senate] or [House of Representatives]

Address

City, State

Dear [Senator] or [Representative]:

Journey for Justice Alliance, would like to invite you to our **Equity or Else: Quality of Life Legislative Call**. This is an invite only event for Elected officials and legislators to join the grassroots community campaign addressing quality of life Issues affecting black and brown communities as well as support for the creation of a federal grassroots equity commission. On May 17th, we successfully launched our **#EquityorElse Quality of Life Campaign** with a virtual rally that was viewed by thousands across the country. We are committed to wage campaign against the racist institutions that serve black and brown communities.

**Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2021 at 11am EST**

**Zoom Meeting Link:** Meeting ID: 998 4854 5537 | Passcode: 153932

<https://atlanticfellows.zoom.us/j/99848545537?pwd=ZGlpRXNEcERPZEluYW5RaGdpUWxWUT09>

1. **Equity or Else Campaign** - Campaign leaders and organizers from different quality of life areas share how in-equity impacts these areas and the grassroots solutions they have organized. The goals Are: **1)** Develop a national quality of life network with a regional structure. **2)** Build national and local quality of life coalition(s) that eliminate the silos. **3)** Win local and national policy victories centered around equity in quality of life areas that are infected by racism.
   1. *J4J will organize multiple listening projects in no fewer than 50 cities across the United States, getting grassroots voices on the harm racism has caused in quality of life areas and what solutions should look like.*
   2. *J4J will host regional in person town halls in April of 2022 to develop regional quality of life platforms and bring everyone together at the NATIONAL J4J CONFERENCE*
   3. *J4J National Conference in May of 2022 in Baltimore where we will build our national quality of life platform.*
   4. *September 2022 Demand for Equity Mobilization in Washington DC.*
2. **Grassroots Equity Commission** - developed to address the state-sponsored sabotage of basic quality of life institutions in our communities such as education, safety, housing, healthcare, climate/ environmental and economic development. The Commission approach allows organizations to collectively address the growing inequities of federal government-based initiatives that impact our communities.

Should you require any further information or insight on this topic, feel free to contact me at (773) 317-6343

I hope that you find this discussion beneficial to address within the legislature.

Sincerely,

Jitu Brown, Executive Director

Journey for Justice Alliance