**To: The Honorable Attorney General Merrick Garland **

 **From: National Welfare Rights (Members and Allies)**

**Re: Ahmaud Arbery Murder Trial – Nov., 2021**

**Dear Mr. Atty. General;**

 **It is an outrage that in 2021, the Ahmaud Arbery trial is tainted with a jury selection process that will not pass the ‘smell test’ as the nation watched potential jurors of color being dismissed one by one. Many are already convinced that this young man was killed only because he was a Black worker. We are laboring overtime to turn away from racial divisions by turning toward building unity that galvanizes the dispossessed at the bottom into a voice that lifts all ships. We condemn poverty, we are repulsed by discrimination based on color, we denounce all harms done to Mother Earth, we hate wars, and we stand in total opposition against what we see happening in the Arbery trial. The courtroom optics are too horrible to ignore. You are the highest legal authority in the country, so we urge you and your office to intervene in this unfolding travesty that is sending a wrong message to those planning to use violence to secure what they believe is their privilege. The Justice Dept. must have a presence in this Georgia trial since “Jim Crow” already has a court-room seat!**

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