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Kalamazoo County Board leadership's statement following the release of the police video in Tyre Nichols' case

"Tyre Nichols should be alive today. The brute force and utter disregard for Tyre's life by the five former police officers is abhorrent and completely indefensible. Tonight, his family will endure the pain of reliving those hurtful moments yet again as they continue to mourn this senseless loss and deal with the intense media fallout. Our hearts are with them, and we want to amplify their plea for peaceful protest as we attempt to cope with yet another death of a Black man at the hands of the police.

The severe violence Tyre endured is horrifying to witness. Watching it play out may be deeply traumatizing, especially for our Black and brown citizens. If you choose to watch the video, we urge you to do so in a safe space, talk with your friends and family afterward, or seek out a therapist. Your mental health matters. For immediate text support, reach out to The Crisis Text Line by texting COALITION to 741741 to connect with a Crisis Counselor for free 24/7."

John Taylor

Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners Chair

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