

February 10th, 2022

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Office of the President
Purdue University
610 Purdue Mall
West Lafayette, Indiana 47907

RE: Adonis D. Tuggle, Student
Purdue University -Police Brutality

Dear Mr. Daniels,

I am heart broken and devastated to contact you regarding a recent and horrible incident of unfair justice and police brutality with no probable cause, which occurred on February 4th, 2022 on the campus grounds of Purdue University, in West Lafayette, Indiana.

I have seen a video repeatedly, and spoken to several people since this incident, and as I write this letter to you, I am still feeling overwhelmed with emotions that lead to tears running down my face, one week afterwards.

I am an educated and professional woman of color, who is a progeny of four generations of educators, with my Grandfather, Cornelius W. Dawson, being the former Dean of Education at the University of Arkansas in Pine Bluff, where a Student Union Building is named after him. My father, my mother, several aunts and uncles were also school teachers, with master's & doctorate degrees, at higher learning institutions, and I have one cousin who remains a School Principal who is constantly in the news for his groundbreaking success with an inner-city school. I'm sharing my family history as a reference for the background and DNA for Adonis D Tuggle and myself. I am a strong advocate for higher education and the college experience which help forms the minds and lifestyles of people, which should help them succeed in life and become a major contributor to our American society.

Adonis Tuggle is a young, vibrant, outspoken man who is very intelligent, and success driven. Adonis is also very strong and has an athletic history in track and basketball, and he has gained many good relationships in California, Las Vegas, Michigan & Chicago.

Like most mothers, I want the best for my son, but unlike most parents, I have a greater fear and concern for Adonis to succeed and **survive in America**, because he is a black American male.

When it was time for Adonis Tuggle to return to school and complete his college education, he made his choice to attend the prestigious Purdue University which was also close to my home in Northwest Indiana and his father's home in Chicago.

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I was relieved and began to rest easy at night, after Adonis moved to West Lafayette and rapidly found safe and secured housing, as well as a fulltime job to help support himself while attending school fulltime. I became an ambassador for Purdue and felt proud to tell people my son attends the prestigious and reputable Purdue University. I felt confident that Adonis would of been safer and more protected at Purdue University verses the other schools located in the inner cities of the Mid-West, where the crime statistics against young black men were greater.

With all of this being expressed, I must reiterate again that I am very disturbed, disappointed and more fearful for my son at Purdue University, which has now change the narrative of his life story, and will adversely affect the mental health of my son for years to follow after this occurrence.

Please stand with me for justice for my son, Adonis Tuggle and do everything within your power to hold the Purdue University police officer accountable for hurting my son; and creating an unsafe and uncomfortable educational experience for him, as well as other students who are now concerned and disturbed about this matter. Please ensure this type of injustice will never happen to another student, who happens to be a Black American. We are also asking for the immediate release of all videos related to this incident. Lastly, I am pleading with you to protect me and my son, Adonis Tuggle from racist acts and retaliation, which he is now experiencing because of this nightmare being brought to public attention.

You can reach me through my Attorney, Andrew M. Stroth at (844) 878-4529 or via email at astroth@actioninjurylawgroup.com.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cornelia J. Dawson". The signature is stylized and includes a large initial "CJ" and a trailing flourish.

Cornelia J. Dawson
Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director