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*****Media Advisory for Tuesday, September 22*****

**Juvenile Justice Coalition and People's Justice Project To Host
#FreeOurselves Court Support Rally**

Local advocates to hold a rally in support of a young community member and urge elected leaders in Ohio to repair its broken youth justice system

Columbus, Ohio -- On Tuesday, September 22, the [Juvenile Justice Coalition](#) and People's Justice Project will host a rally outside the Franklin County Courthouse to support a [young person](#) before his court appearance. This young black community member was kept in detention for his family's inability to pay his bond and remained in the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Facility for eight months, where he contracted COVID-19.

This peaceful, non-disruptive rally will focus on supporting this young person before his court appearance and showing up as a community to stand against youth incarceration, cash bail, and the criminalization of children. Advocates will call attention to how these systems continue to disproportionately affect Ohio's communities of color and working-class communities and demand a system that actually invests in and serves young people.

WHAT: #Freeourselves Court Support for a Young Black Community Member
WHEN: September 22, 2020 9AM ET
WHERE: Franklin County Courthouse
WHO: Juvenile Justice Coalition, People's Justice Project, community members

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[Juvenile Justice Coalition](#) is a statewide organization that works through policy advocacy and with Ohio youth and families who are at risk of involvement or involved in the juvenile court system.