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My name is Candace Tkachuck, and I'm a concerned citizen of King County. There is much that could be said about the choices of those who are responsible for Tommy Le's death as well as of those who are actively working against justice in this case. But I want to focus in on one telling, one wrenching aspect of Le's death, namely that, as the autopsy report substantiates, he was killed by being shot in the back.

This is unjustifiable. When an unarmed person is moving themselves away from the police, it can be fairly assumed that this person is not a credible threat. And yet, Le was murdered. In studies of disproportionate police lethality, a common theme emerges in the data: People of Color are consistently more likely to receive this lethal treatment. And from this, it's clear that white supremacy and racial bias—not situational analysis, not clear-minded policing, not anything that I can support as a citizen—is the basis of police responding. This is horrific and unacceptable.

It is time for full accountability and for justice for Tommy Le. Thank you.